

## PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 06-65

Declaring April 7, 2006, World Health Day: “*Working together for Health*”

WHEREAS, World Health Day is the annual flagship event of the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, since 1950, it has been held each year on 7 April to raise awareness of specific global health issues; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme-Human Resources for Health: *Working together for health* --highlights the challenging and often inspiring work carried out by health care workers; and

WHEREAS, on World Health Day 2006, the World Health Organization (WHO) will release its World Health Report 2006, which is on the same theme; and

WHEREAS, with the World Health Report 2006 release, announcement of new global alliance for Human Resources for Health (HRH) -- a campaign of action to promote fair and safe working conditions for health workers and to strengthen the effectiveness of the health workforce; and

WHEREAS, health workers are among the unsung heroes of our time, working long hours in difficult conditions and often with little reward and sometimes at risk to their own health, yet they are totally committed to looking after patients under their care; and

WHEREAS, without devotion of health workers in Palau, public health would be endangered and we would not be able to cope with the ever growing burden of disease; and

WHEREAS, preventing and treating diseases require assessment, delivery and monitoring by health workers; and

WHEREAS, national health systems worldwide and locally are finding it increasingly difficult to train, support and retain health workers; and

WHEREAS, the following priorities for action at the regional and local level include:

- Education and training health workers -what can countries do to education train and deploy health workers?
- Supporting and protecting health workers-what can countries do to support and protect health workers?
- Enhancing the effectiveness of health workforce -what can countries do to enhance workforce effectiveness?

- Tackling imbalances and inequities -what can countries do to tackle imbalances and inequities?; and

WHEREAS, government must take the lead to make progress in all of the above areas -- providing leadership in planning, formulating and implementing the required policies; and

WHEREAS, government must promote partnership, collaboration and cooperation among stakeholders and partners within countries backed by regional and global alliances and reinforced by proactive political will to properly address the technical and political challenges of health workforce development; and

WHEREAS, trust must be built among stakeholders-trust between and among governments, employers, health professionals and partners (private sector) and communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau's Response to 2006 World Health Day include two events:

- 1) 2006 Health Careers Fair at the Palau Community College Cafeteria from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for students and young people; and
- 2) 2006 Palau World Health Day Workshop: Human Resources for Health - *Working together for Health*” [sic]

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau is cognizance of the importance of proactive and collaborative efforts of partner agencies in the production of human resources for health

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, and in the interest of ensuring healthy people, for healthy islands through appropriately educated and trained, protected and effective health workers in the right numbers and mix for a healthy community, I hereby proclaim April 7, 2006 as World Health Day in the Republic of Palau, with activities scheduled beginning April 7 and through the entire month of April, coordinated by the Ministry of Health Interim Committee for Human Resources for Health and World Health Day 2006 Activities.

SO PROCLAIMED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2006 at Koror Republic of Palau

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Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.  
President of the Republic of Palau