

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 06-66

Declaring 22 April 2006 Earth Day: "The Future depends on Today's Solutions"

WHEREAS, April 22nd is internationally recognized throughout the world as Earth Day to promote understanding of the need to conserve the Earth's resources and planetary environment; and

WHEREAS, it is everyone's responsibility, as stewards of the Planet Earth and its environment, to prevent excessive exploitation and depletion of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, our island environment is very fragile and our future livelihood dependent on its preservation; and

WHEREAS, sustainable development will help today's Palauans achieve their desired financial goals and lifestyles without jeopardizing future opportunities for tomorrow's generation of Palauans: and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Earth Day is to proclaim a day upon which we will remind ourselves of the importance of protecting the Earth and conserving our natural resources and natural beauty for the sake of future health and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, multiple events and activities are occurring during April to recognize Earth Day, culminating on the 21st and 22nd April 2006; and

WHEREAS, all Palauans are encouraged to take those personal and community actions necessary to enhance and preserve our natural environment and to participate in Earth Day activities; and

WHEREAS, this year's Earth Day theme is "The Future depends on Today's Solutions", recognizing the need to identify and implement sustainable management practices of our natural resources for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, and in the interest of conserving Palau's natural resources for future generations, I hereby proclaim 22 April 2006 as Earth Day in the Republic of Palau, with activities to be scheduled on the 21st and 22nd April 2006 and to be coordinated by the Earth Day Committee as chaired by Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board.

SO PROCLAIMED this 17th day of April 2006 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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