

## **PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 06-77**

Declaring December 24-31, 2006 to be National Drunk Driving Prevention Week

WHEREAS, excessive alcohol consumption accounts for the great majority of car crashes in Palau; and

WHEREAS, the country's most at-risk for driving under the influence of alcohol are young adult male drivers ages 21-35 years; and

WHEREAS, there are many innocent victims of alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, the community cannot ignore this destructive behavior as the cost to life and property is enormous; and Whereas with some simple lifestyle changes many lives and millions of dollars can be saved; and

WHEREAS, establishments licensed to sell alcohol must comply with the law and not serve people who are obviously intoxicated; and

WHEREAS, friends, family and concerned citizens must do their part by not allowing persons to drive while impaired by alcohol;

WHEREAS, all persons are asked to assist by alerting police officers to drunk drivers and by cooperating at sobriety checkpoints;

WHEREAS, I ask each citizen to make a conscious effort to ensure a safe and healthy holiday season.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau do hereby proclaim December 24-31, 2006 as National Drunk Driving Prevention Week. I call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, schools, medical facilities in Palau to observe this month by taking appropriate steps to assist in eliminating drunk driving and conduct appropriate ceremonies.

SO PROCLAIMED, this 13<sup>th</sup> of December, 2006.

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