

## PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 6

WHEREAS, having been ruled by others for almost hundred years, the people of the Republic of Palau desires a government of their own; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 1979, the elected representatives of the people of the Republic assembled in the Senate Chamber, Olbiil Era Kelulau building, Koror State, Republic of Palau, certified the completion of their work on the draft Constitution for the Republic of Palau. The people approved the draft Constitution in a nation-wide referendum; and

WHEREAS, January 1, 1981 the constitutional government of the Republic of Palau was installed. This brought to the people of the Republic a sense of security and assurance for their self-government. Their identity, freedom, and powers are framed in their Constitution by them through their elected representatives. They, for the first time, became the rulers of themselves instead of being ruled by others; and

WHEREAS, January 1, 1982 marks the first anniversary of the birth of the constitutional government of the Republic of Palau. The people of the Republic should be allowed a day of rest and celebration in their remembrance of this day, the birth date of their new government; and

WHEREAS, January 29, 30, and 31, 1982, that is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, respectively, have been designated as the day of celebration for the anniversary of our constitutional government. Friday, January 29, 1982 is a normal working day for the government of the Republic of Palau. It is in the best interest of the people that this Friday be declared a holiday so as to enable government employees to participate in the celebration and observe the anniversary of our new government; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haruo I. Remeliik, the President of the Republic of Palau, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 7, Article VIII of the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Palau, do hereby proclaim this Friday, January 29, 1982, a legal holiday and that all employees of the government be released from their duties, except those who would be carrying out the essential functions of the government.

SIGNED AND DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1982.

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Haruo I. Remeliik  
President of the Republic of Palau