

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 07-80

*Declaring April 22, 2007 Earth Day:
“Sustainability ~ From Ridge to Reef”*

WHEREAS, April 22nd is 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 depends on its preservation; and

WHEREAS, sustainable development will help today’s Palauans achieve their desired financial goals and lifestyles without jeopardizing opportunities for future generations 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, all Palauans are encouraged to take personal and community actions necessary to enhance and preserve our natural environment and to participate in Earth Day activities; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme: “Sustainability ~ From Ridge to Reef”, recognizes the need to 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 2007 as Earth Day in the Republic of Palau, with activities to be scheduled on the 20th and 21st of April 2007 and to be coordinated by the Earth Day Committee as chaired by the Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board.

SO PROCLAIMED this 18th day of April 2007 at Ngerulmud, Melekeok State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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