

## PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 07-81

*Congratulating the Palau Red Cross Society for its 10 Year Anniversary of Service to Palau and Proclaiming that from May 6, 2007 - November 20, 2007, shall be Honored Through Appropriate Celebrations*

WHEREAS, on November 20, 1997, the Palau Red Cross Society (“Palau Red Cross”) commenced its tradition of extraordinary service to the people of Palau and those from other countries experiencing misfortunes; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 1997, a representative of Palau Red Cross attended the 11th Session of the General Assembly Meeting to receive a Diploma of Admission, recognizing full membership by the Assembly of the International Committee of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, making Palau Red Cross the 173rd member of this international Federation with full voting rights; and

WHEREAS, through the able and dedicated services of Miriam Rudimch Chin and many other dedicated employees, Board Members, members of the public and private sectors, and volunteers, the Palau Red Cross, an independent, humanitarian organization, has assisted in and organized many critical relief and assistance projects, such as those described below;

- The Fire Victims Assistance Program;
- Blood Donor Database & Drive Services;
- Assistance to Members of the Armed Forces;
- Community First Aid and Safety classes;
- Assistance to Public Authorities in cases of natural or other disasters;
- Assistance with families of servicemen; and

WHEREAS, the Palau Red Cross was particularly helpful in our time of need when the KB Bridge collapsed on September 26, 1997, providing emergency supplies and assisting with water distribution centers; and

WHEREAS, Palau Red Cross is an auxiliary to the Republic of Palau with respect to responding to emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, Palau Red Cross is a member of the National Emergency Committee, and has participated in numerous natural disaster exercises; and

WHEREAS, the Palau Red Cross has continually come to the assistance to collect contributions and make wise use of them, for such disasters as:

- Super-typhoon Paka in 1997;
- The Papua New Guinea Tsunami Relief Effort in July-August 1998;
- Earthquake and Tsunami relief in Taipei and Vanuatu in 1999;
- Dengue fever support;

- Chuuk Mudslide disaster relief;
- Terrorist Attack against the United States, 9/11/01;
- Yap Typhoon Relief Drive 2004;
- Hurricane Katrina 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, hereby proclaim that the Republic of Palau will honor and celebrate the Palau Red Cross Society, commencing May 4, 2007 with a Walkathon event, and ending on November 20, 2007, the 10th year anniversary of the Palau Red Cross Society; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that citizens of Palau should continue to “give until it hurts,” to support the excellent and necessary projects of the Red Cross; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that all of the volunteers, workers, donors and others who have helped in the Red Cross projects over these 10 years are hereby honored for their good work and continuing spirit of cooperation and charity.

SO PROCLAIMED this 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, 2007, at Melekeok State, Republic of Palau.

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