

## **PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 07-82**

Proclaiming May 6-12 to be NATIONAL NURSES WEEK with the theme  
“Nursing: A Profession and a Passion”

WHEREAS, the nearly one hundred nurses in the Republic of Palau comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the Palauan population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, the Palau Nurses Association, as the voice for the nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on expanded delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require better utilization of all of our nation's nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, the demand for nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the Palauan population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services, and

WHEREAS, more qualified nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by nurses will be an ever more important component of the Palau health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Palau Nurses Association has designated the week of May 6-12 as NATIONAL NURSES WEEK with the theme “Nursing: A Profession and a Passion” in celebration of the ways in which nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and map out the way to improve our health care system;

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 May 6-12 to be NATIONAL NURSES WEEK, with the theme “Nursing: A Profession and a Passion” and ask that all residents of Palau join me in honoring the nurses who care for all of us; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the residents of Palau should celebrate nursing's

accomplishments and our nurses' efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation's nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

SO PROCLAIMED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2007, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

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