

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 07-84

Proclaiming May 31st to be NO TOBACCO DAY in Palau with the theme
"Tobacco-Free Inside and Out"

WHEREAS, May 31 st of each year has been established by the World Health Organization. as World No Tobacco Day in order to focus the world's attention on the devastating costs of tobacco use in the modern world; and

WHEREAS, the health of a nation is one true measure of the nation's viability;
and

WHEREAS, the health of all those living in Palau is inseparably linked with the health of all people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 Palau Youth Tobacco Survey revealed that 69% of high school students and 55% of middle school students currently use tobacco in some form; and

WHEREAS, cancer has become the number one cause of death in the Republic and tobacco use is intrinsically linked to cancer; and

WHEREAS, the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) is the first global health treaty negotiated under the auspices of the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, this convention is an evidence-based treaty that reaffirms the right of all people to the highest standard of health; and

WHEREAS, Palau is a signatory to the W.H.O. Framework Convention on Tobacco Control that paves the way for a better understanding of methods of regulating and controlling tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, the WHO FCTC was developed in response to the globalization of the tobacco epidemic which is exacerbated by a variety of complex factors with crossborder effects, including trade liberalization, direct foreign investment, global marketing, transnational tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship, and the international movement of contraband and counterfeit cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco industry continues to put profits before life; and

WHEREAS, the purpose for this year's theme "Tobacco-Free Inside and Out" is to raise awareness that there is no safe level of tobacco use; it is deadly inside our body and in our environment,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby proclaim May 31st, 2007, as NO TOBACCO DAY in Palau and urge everyone to take

part in observance and activities on this day and throughout the year designed to advance the prevention and control of tobacco use.

SO PROCLAIMED this 30th day of May, 2007, at Melekeok State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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