

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 09-00

“No Tobacco Day” for the Republic of Palau

WHEREAS, the health of all people is a true measure of a nation’s vitality; and

WHEREAS, the health of Palauans is inseparably linked with the health of people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, all the nations of the world, acting through the World Health Organization (WHO), which Palau fully supports, are pledged to the goal of health for all; and

WHEREAS, May 31st of each year has been established by the WHO as World No Tobacco Day, an occasion to educate, to encourage increased community involvement and to focus on the unity of our health concerns; and

WHEREAS, World No Tobacco Day stresses the importance of community participation in promoting healthy lifestyles in an effort to reduce tobacco-related diseases and deaths and the social costs of tobacco use;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kuniwo Nakamura, President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby declare May 31, 2000 as “No Tobacco Day” and urge all citizens to take part in observance and activities designed to advance the cause of tobacco-related diseases prevention by promoting awareness and by encouraging participation in the worldwide efforts to attain “Health for All” and eliminate the use of this deadly drug especially by young people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 24th day of May 2000 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau