

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 10 -17

Declaring April 2010 Alcohol Awareness Month

WHEREAS, alcohol affects your body; alcohol can damage every organ in your body. It is absorbed directly into your bloodstream and can increase your risk for a variety of life-threatening diseases, including cancer.

WHEREAS, driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol is dangerous and carries stiff penalties; and

WHEREAS, binge drinking (5 or more drink in a short time) is dangerous and the typical pattern of Palau's alcohol users; and

WHEREAS, the greatest influence on young people's decisions to drink is their environment which includes their families, friends, school and the whole community's social acceptance of alcohol use; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is often made possible by adults; and

WHEREAS, the most effective strategy to prevent alcohol abuse is when the whole community join efforts to make their communities healthy and safe; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Chiefs and the Council on Substance Abuse Prevention (COSAP) invite all citizens of the Republic of Palau to get involved in the prevention of alcohol use and abuse in their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Johnson Toribiong, President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby declare April 2010 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Palau and urge everyone this month and throughout the year to take part in observance and activities designed to advance the cause of prevention and control of alcohol use and abuse.

SO PROCLAIMED this 8th day of April, 2010 at Ngerulmud, Melekeok State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Johnson Toribiong
President
Republic of Palau