

## **Presidential Proclamation No. 10-18**

### **Declaring April 22, 2010 Earth Day: “Green Revolution-Changing Today For A Green Future”**

**WHEREAS**, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is internationally recognized throughout the world as Earth Day to promote understanding of the need to conserve the Earth’s resources and planetary environment; and

**WHEREAS**, it is everyone’s responsibility, as stewards of the Planet Earth and its environment, to prevent excessive exploitation and depletion of our natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, our island environment is very fragile and our future livelihood dependent on its preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, sustainable development will help today’s Palauans achieve their desired financial goals and lifestyles without jeopardizing future opportunities for tomorrow’s generation of Palauans; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Earth Day is to proclaim a day upon which we will remind ourselves of the importance of protecting the Earth and conserving our natural resources and natural beauty for the sake of future health and prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, collaborative efforts between the leaders of today and tomorrow is encouraged to stimulate actions to sustain our environment from our ridges to our reefs; and

**WHEREAS**, all Palauans are encouraged to make those personal and community actions necessary to enhance and preserve our natural environment and to participate in Earth Day activities; and

**WHEREAS**, this year’s Earth Day theme is “Green Revolution...Changing Today For A Green Future”, recognizing the need to identify and implement sustainable management practices than can be achieved by every man, woman and child to promote the continued growth of our natural resources for future generations;

**NOW THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, and in the interest of conserving Palau’s natural resources for future generations, I hereby proclaim 22 April 2010 as Earth Day in the Republic of Palau, with activities to be scheduled on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2010 and to be coordinated by the Earth Day Committee as chaired by the Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board.

