

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 10-26

Declaring this September 2010,
National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month
as Recovery Month:

“Join the Voices for Recovery: Now More Than Ever”

WHEREAS, for over twenty years, the **National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month** has served to inspire and to raise awareness for millions of people about addiction and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 theme emphasizes the urgency of educating individuals about the detrimental impact that stress has on a person dealing with addiction, and the need to act now to help anyone who needs addiction services to achieve recovery; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders not only take a toll on people suffering from them, but also on their loved ones and on the entire community; and

WHEREAS, through a continuing dialogue about the harmful effects of alcohol and drug addiction on families, friends, and the community, we can provide hope, healing and better support for those struggling with substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, studies have consistently found that individualized treatment is essential for people to be successful in their path to recovery; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that we educate our individuals, families and our community members that substance use disorders are a serious, yet treatable, health problem; and

WHEREAS, by treating substance use disorders like any other chronic disease, we can improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Ministry of Health, Behavioral Health Division in the Republic of Palau invite all residents of Palau to participate in the **National Alcohol and Drug Addiction**

Recovery Month, September 2010 and spread the message that treatment is effective and recovery is possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Johnson Toribiong, President of the Republic of Palau, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, do hereby acknowledge the anniversary of the National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month and proclaim the month of September 2010 as “**National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month**” in the Republic of Palau and call upon the people of the Republic of Palau to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year’s theme, “**Join the Voices for Recovery: Now More Than Ever.**”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of September, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Ten in the Republic of Palau.

/s/
Johnson Toribiong
President
Republic of Palau