

## **PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 10-94**

### *Observance of October 10, 1994 as World Mental Health Day*

WHEREAS, persons defined, treated or hospitalized as mentally ill or suffering from emotional distress share, as stated in both the 1948 Founding Document of the World Federation for Mental Health and in the 1948 United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family, and the common humanity of persons everywhere; and

WHEREAS, all member states of the United Nations are committed to the goal of Health for All by the Year 2000, as set forth by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, "health" includes health of the mind and emotions, as well as the body; and

WHEREAS, October 10, 1994 has been designated by the World Federation for Mental Health as World Mental Health Day with the co-sponsorship of the World Health Organization in order:

To achieve respect for the rights of those diagnosed as having mental and emotional disorders,

To expand prevention programs designed to reduce the threat of emotional disorders among vulnerable populations,

To encourage the provision of necessary and appropriate treatment services for those in need,

To improve the quality of mental health care throughout the world, and To promote the optimal mental and emotional health among all peoples.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kuniwo Nakamura, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, do hereby proclaim October 10, 1994 to be World Mental Health Day in the Republic of Palau and pledge to support the accomplishment of the above-mentioned objectives. In doing so, I urge all of the people of Palau to take part in activities designated for the observance of World Mental Health Day.

SO PROCLAIMED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1994 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

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Kuniwo Nakamura  
President of the Republic of Palau