

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 10-95

Observance of October 10, 1995 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 *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, stated by the United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali on 15 May 1995 that “Psycho-social disorders affect the development, and the peace and security of many societies”; 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, 1995 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 increase the public's understanding of mental and emotional disorders and to promote optimal mental and emotional health,

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, and

To improve the quality and availability of mental health care throughout the world.

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, 1995 to be World Mental Health Day in the Republic of Palau and pledge to support the accomplishment of the above-mentioned objectives.

SO PROCLAIMED this 4th day of October, 1995 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau