

Presidential Proclamation No. 11-39

Expressing Condolences and Declaring a Day of Mourning for the Victims of the Earthquake & Tsunami in Japan

On behalf of the Government and the People of the Republic of Palau, I extend our deepest condolences to the Government and to the People of Japan, particularly to the victims of the recent earthquake of unprecedented magnitude and the resultant horrifying tsunami that devastated the coastal prefectures of Iwate, Miyagi, Fukushima, and their surrounding areas. We the People of Palau are deeply saddened by the catastrophic loss of thousands of lives and offer our deepest sympathies to the families of those who died and are missing, and to the hundreds of thousands of Japanese for their untold suffering caused by the unimaginable impact of this disaster. Based upon our close historical ties with Japan, the Government and the People of Palau feel a special sense of sympathy for the people of Japan and stand in solidarity with them, and that in spite of the challenging circumstances, the People of Palau are confident that the courage and resilience of the People of Japan will enable them to overcome the effects of this tragedy.

Now therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Palau, I, Johnson Toribiong, President of the Republic of Palau, hereby proclaim March 25, 2011 as a National Day of Mourning for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, and order that as a display of the respect and sympathy the People of Palau, all flags regularly flown within the jurisdiction of the Republic of Palau, and all flags of the Republic of Palau flown at the Embassies, Consulates, Missions and Liaison Offices of Palau in other countries, shall be hoisted at half-mast for a period of 5 days, commencing March 25, 2011.

SO PROCLAIMED this 21st day of March, 2011, at the Republic of Palau.

/s/

Johnson Toribiong
President
Republic of Palau