

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 11-43

Declaring April 22, 2011 Earth Day: “Water for life”

WHEREAS, April 22nd 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 depends on its preservation; and

WHEREAS, sustainable water resource use will help today’s Palauans achieve their desired level of 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 take 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 Palau Earth Day theme is “Water for Life”, recognizing the need to protect and conserve our water resources through practices that 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 2011 as Earth Day in the Republic of Palau, with activities to be scheduled on the

22nd of April 2011 and to be coordinated by the Earth Day Committee as chaired by the Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board.

SO PROCLAIMED this 21st day of April 2011 at the Capitol, Melekeok State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Johnson Toribiong
President of the Republic of Palau