

## **Presidential Proclamation No. 11-45**

### **Declaring May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, as WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY in Palau**

**WHEREAS** the Nadi Statement of 2011 clearly articulates the non- communicable disease (NCD) crisis in Pacific Island Countries; and

**WHEREAS** Pacific Islands Health Officers Association Board Resolution # 48-01 *Declares a Regional State of Health Emergency Due to the Epidemic of Non-Communicable Diseases in the United States-Affiliated Pacific Islands*; and

**WHEREAS** tobacco use is a major risk factor for NCDs which are increasingly an obstacle to development and threaten the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2015, as recognised in a new World Health Organization report released at a meeting of health ministers in Moscow in April, 2011; and

**WHEREAS** countries must take all reasonable actions to protect present and future generations by educating them, particularly their youth, about the devastating health, social, environmental and economic consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke; and

**WHEREAS** May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year has been established by the World Health Organization as World No Tobacco Day in order to focus the world's attention on the devastating costs of tobacco use in the modern world;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Johnson Toribiong, President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby declare May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, as WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY in Palau and urge everyone to take part in observance and activities that highlight this day designed to advance the prevention and control of tobacco use.

**SO PROCLAIMED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011, at the Republic of Palau.

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Johnson Toribiong  
President  
Republic of Palau