

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 11-46

Declaring June as the Olympic Month

WHEREAS, on June 20th 1999, the Republic of Palau became the 200th member of the International Olympic Committee; and

WHEREAS, 1 PNC 701(b) designated the fifteenth day of March as Youth Day for the people of the Republic of Palau to reflect on the Republic's sports legacies and celebrate the same through promotion of healthy lifestyles, sports programs and physical activities for all; and

WHEREAS, the Palau National Olympic Committee recognizes athletes, coaches, and officials who have dedicated their lives to sports and have represented Palau in national, regional, international competitions, and the Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, the Palau National Olympic Committee continues to promote cooperation and partnership with private organizations and relevant government agencies, specifically Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Health in support of healthy lifestyle through sports programs and physical activities; and

WHEREAS, the Palau National Olympic Committee continues to provide sports education, Olympic education (Olympic Games), and opportunities for our youth to participate in Belau Games, Micronesian Games, Pacific Games, Pacific Mini Games, international sporting events, and the Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, the Palau National Olympic Committee recognizes sports as a tool in building healthier and safer communities for our future generations and honors the true spirit of humanity in sports throughout the Republic of Palau, the Pacific region and the world; and

WHEREAS, the International Olympic Committee recognizes 23 June - as Olympic Day and calls on National Olympic Committees (NOCs) around the world to stage tournaments and commemorative events in order to enlighten people about the Olympic Movement. To nurture a spirit of mutual understanding, cooperation and friendship and to contribute to the construction of a peaceful and better world through sports.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Johnson Toribiong, President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2011 as National Olympic Month. In so doing, I call upon all the Ministries, State Governments and non- government agencies to organize and coordinate sports activities in the month of June, and in further support of this proclamation, I urge all citizens, public agencies and private businesses in Palau to observe the National Olympic Month by participating in sports activities in celebration of the true spirit of humanity through sports and physical activities for healthy lifestyles.

SO PROCLAIMED, this 1st Day of June, 2011.

/s/

Johnson Toribiong
President, Republic of Palau