

Presidential Proclamation No. 11-48

Declaring September 2011 as National Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Addiction Recovery Month:

“Join the Voices for Recovery: Prevention Works-Treatment is Effective-People Recover”

Whereas, treatment from substance use and mental disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are afflicted and their families; and

Whereas, substance use and mental health disorders do not discriminate and affects people from every walk of life in the community; and

Whereas, people who receive treatment for substance use and mental disorders can lead more healthier, productive and fulfilling lives, personally and professionally; and

Whereas, it is critical that we promote and educate our community members that substance use and mental health disorders are treatable like other chronic diseases such as:(diabetes, cancer, arthritis, hypertension, etc.), and that treatment can improve the quality of health and life for the entire community; and

Whereas, Recovery Month promotes the societal benefits of treatment for substance use and mental disorders; and

Whereas, Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover; and

Whereas, to achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), Ministry of Health, the Division of Behavioral Health in the Republic of Palau invite all residents of Palau to participate in the National Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Addiction Recovery Month. September 2011: and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Johnson Toribiong, President of the Republic of Palau, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2011 as “National Alcohol, Tobacco and other

