

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 11-53

Declaring October 23, 2011 to January 30, 2012 as Red Ribbon Months to Signify Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention

Whereas, the Red Ribbon movement was initiated in the United States as a means to focus on the prevention of alcohol and drug use and abuse; and

Whereas, the Red Ribbon also was adopted as a symbol of the anti-drug movement in honor of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration who was kidnapped and killed while investigating drug traffickers; and

Whereas, alcohol is a drug that is the cause of much death and destruction in Palau; and

Whereas, excessive alcohol consumption in association with drug use and abuse accounts for the great majority of car crashes in Palau; and

Whereas, friends, family and concerned citizens must do their part by not allowing persons to drive while impaired by alcohol or other drugs; and

Whereas, all persons are asked to assist by alerting police officers to drunk and drugged drivers and by cooperating at sobriety checkpoints; and

Whereas, everyone in the community needs to be involved in the campaign against the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Johnson Toribiong, President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby declare October 23, 2011 to January 30, 2012 as Red Ribbon Months in Palau and ask each citizen to make a conscious effort to ensure a safe and healthy holiday season and to take part in this observance and the activities designed to advance the cause of prevention and control of alcohol and other drug use and abuse. Tie a red ribbon to your car antenna and show our solidarity against drunk and drugged driving.

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

/s/

Johnson Toribiong
President
Republic of Palau