

Presidential Proclamation No. 11-59

Proclaiming December 23, 2011 and January 3, 2012 as Additional Holidays for Employees of the National Government of the Republic of Palau

WHEREAS, pursuant to 1 PNC § 701(h) the twenty-fifth day of December of each year is a National Holiday celebrating Christmas Day; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 1 PNC § 701(a) the first day of January of each year is a National Holiday celebrating New Year's Day; and

WHEREAS, this year the twenty-fifth day of December falls on a Sunday, and therefore pursuant to 1 PNC § 702 the following Monday, or December 26, 2011, shall be observed as a holiday; and

WHEREAS, next year the first of January falls on a Sunday, and therefore pursuant to 1 PNC § 702 the following Monday, or January 2, 2012, shall be observed as a holiday; and

WHEREAS, the President has determined that in order to raise the spirit of the upcoming Holiday Season and to relieve the deleterious effects of the ongoing power outages, it is in the best interests of the Republic that the employees of the National Government of the Republic of Palau be given Friday, December 23, 2011 and Tuesday, January 3, 2012, as days off with pay so that they can prepare for and enjoy the 2011 Christmas Day holiday and the 2012 New Year's Day holiday throughout two uninterrupted four day weekends;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, and in consultation with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates of the Eighth Olbiil Era Kelulau, and with the Chief Justice of the Palau Supreme Court, I hereby proclaim that all employees of the National Government of the Republic of Palau will be placed on leave with pay on Friday, December 23, 2011 and on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, except those employees whose duties require that they report to work on those days to ensure that vital public services continue to operate. Employees of the National Government of the Republic of Palau will report to work as usual after the 2011 Christmas holiday on Tuesday, December 27, 2011, and after the 2012 New Year's Day holiday on Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May God Bless you all and *kom kmal mesulang!*

SO PROCLAIMED this 13th day of December, at Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Johnson Toribiong
President
Republic of Palau