PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 11-95

Declaring December 1st as National HIV/AIDS Prevention Day in Palau

WHEREAS, WORLD AIDS DAY is the first day of December every year, and

WHEREAS, in observance of WORLD AIDS DAY, the United Nations urges countries around the globe to conduct educational programs geared toward public awareness; and

WHEREAS, the global spread of the HIV infection and AIDS necessitates a worldwide effort to increase communication, education and preventive action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Palau AIDS Prevention Day provides a local opportunity to focus and learn about HIV infection and AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the PALAU NATIONAL AIDS COMMITTEE has organized activities, including a walk-a-thon and outreach programs to the States of Ngarchelong and Peleliu on December 1st, emphasizing "Shared Rights, Shared Responsibilities" in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau by the Constitution and laws of this Republic, I hereby declare and proclaim December 1st as National HIV/AIDS Prevention Day. All national and state government employees, together with the general public in our island community irrespective of race, religion, sex, age, or national origin, are urged to observe National HIV/AIDS Prevention Day by actively participating in the programs and activities geared to prevent the spread of HIV and thus protect ourselves and our nation.

SO DECLARED, PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED this 27th day of November, 1995, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau