

## PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 12-00

### World Mental Health Day

WHEREAS, the World Federation for Mental Health has designated “Mental Health and Work” as the primary focus of World Mental Health Day 2000-2001, we therefore pledge to:

Take action to increase public awareness and understanding of the physical, mental and emotional health needs of all workers; thus encouraging the ability of individuals and communities to improve working environments and conditions;

Recognize that all individuals have the right to claim a fair share of the wealth they have helped to generate, and to perform productively in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity;

Improve the quality of access of mental health care for workers throughout the world by providing effective mental health services that are culturally appropriate, and that meet local needs;

Develop strategies that target the social protection needs of all workers, especially taking into account the special needs of children, adolescent girls and women;

Acknowledge that all workers are entitled to equal compensation for their efforts, and equal benefits under social insurance systems, regardless of race, age or gender; and

Bring about the recognition and enforcement of the rights of people with mental disabilities as established by international human rights treaties including the rights to: freedom, security, reasonable conditions, participation, self-fulfillment and dignity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kuniwo Nakamura, President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2000 to be World Mental Health Day in the Republic of Palau and pledge to support the accomplishment of the above-mentioned objectives. In so doing, I urge all of our citizens to take part in activities designed for the observance of Mental Health Day.

SO PROCLAIMED this 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2000 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

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Kuniwo Nakamura  
President of the Republic of Palau