

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 13-81

Declaring March 24, 2013 as World Tuberculosis Day

“Stop Tuberculosis In My Lifetime”

WHEREAS, each year we recognize World Tuberculosis Day on March 24, the date when Robert Koch announced his discovery of the bacillus that causes tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, tuberculosis is an infectious disease transmitted through air from one person to another; and

WHEREAS, tuberculosis is one of the World’s deadliest diseases; each year, globally, more than 9 million people become sick with tuberculosis disease and nearly 2 million die from tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, tuberculosis a disease which has been with us since antiquity and continues to stalk humanity today; however, today’s risks of contracting tuberculosis include increased global travel, the emergence of drug-resistant strains, and the danger of Tuberculosis & Diabetes Co-morbidity and HIV Co-infection; and

WHEREAS, tuberculosis bacillus has developed drug-resistant strains that are both harder and more expensive to treat; and

WHEREAS, we are in a race with time, pushed to “Stop Tuberculosis” before it once again becomes incurable; and

WHEREAS, to combat Tuberculosis in Palau, it takes a village; moreover, together we can eliminate tuberculosis and encourage people to make an individual call for the elimination of tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, together we can build a future where Tuberculosis is no longer a major disease and no one dies from it; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this goal, the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, the World Health Organization, the Palau Ministry of Health and the Communicable Disease Unit-Tuberculosis Control Program for the Republic of Palau invite all residents of Palau to join the fight against Tuberculosis.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. 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 March 24, 2013 as “World Tuberculosis Day” in the Republic of Palau and call upon the people of the Republic of Palau to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities supporting this year’s theme, “Stop Tuberculosis In My Lifetime.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby hereunto set my hand this 19th day of March in the year of the Lord Two Thousand Thirteen in the Republic of Palau.

/s/

Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President
Republic of Palau