

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 13-86

Declaring May 13-17, 2013 as Prevention Week

“Your voice. Your choice. Make a difference.”

WHEREAS, Prevention Week is dedicated to increasing public awareness of and action around substance abuse and mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, this observance is an opportunity to join with other individuals, organizations, and coalitions in the community in support of mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being; and

WHEREAS, Prevention Week is intended to educate the community and raise awareness about substance abuse, mental health issues, and behavioral health issues; and

WHEREAS, through these efforts we can highlight the power of prevention and build support for wellness and prevention practices throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, this year, Prevention Week will take place May 13-17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme, *“Your voice. Your choice. Make a difference.”* emphasizes that the prevention of substance abuse and promotion of mental health starts with the choices each of us makes in our own life; and

WHEREAS, through our choices, we can set an example of health and well-being for others; and

WHEREAS, with our voices together, we can strengthen our resistance to substance abuse and reinforce our commitment to building healthier and safer communities in Palau.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby designate May 13-17, 2013 as “Prevention Week.” In doing so, I call on all the people of Palau to observe Prevention Week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities and to recognize this week to help create healthier and safer communities.

SO PROCLAIMED this 5th day of May, 2013 in the Republic of Palau.

/s/

Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President of the Republic of Palau