

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 13-87

Declaring May 6-12 as National Nurses' Week
"Well equipped nurses to navigate towards quality healthcare services."

WHEREAS, the 84 nurses in the Republic of Palau comprise our nation's largest group of healthcare professionals, and

WHEREAS, Palau's nurses are the "backbone" of Palau's healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, nurses are involved in all aspects of delivering healthcare services to our people; and

WHEREAS, for their work on the front lines of healthcare in Palau, our nurses deserve our recognition, gratitude, and full support, and

WHEREAS, we must commit the resources to ensure that our nurses are well trained and fully equipped to do their job, and

WHEREAS, the week of May 6-12 is recognized around the world as National Nurses' Week with the following themes:

- International Council of Nurses - *"Closing the Gap: Millennium Development Goals. 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1."*
- American Nurses' Association - *"Delivering quality and innovation in patient care."*

WHEREAS, Palau also recognizes Nurses' Week, with a focus on equipping nurses to ensure quality healthcare for all Palauans.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, I, Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, hereby PROCLAIM May 6-12, 2013 as National Nurses' Week with the theme "**Well equipped nurses to navigate towards quality healthcare services,**" with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities to honor our nurses.

SO PROCLAIMED this 5th day of May, 2013 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

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