

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 13-88

Proclaiming the day of May 15th each year to be Police Officer Memorial Day and the week of May 15th to be Police Appreciation Week.

WHEREAS, the police officers of the Bureau of Public Safety have played an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms that are guaranteed by the Constitution, and in protecting the lives of our people; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens understand and appreciate the challenges, duties, and responsibilities of the police, and the necessity for cooperating with the police in maintaining law and order; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that we express our heartfelt gratitude to police officers for their dedicated service, courageous deeds, and for the contributions they have made to the security and well-being of all our people; and

WHEREAS, despite their essential service to our nation, the police officers and their accomplishments often go unnoticed and unappreciated; and

WHEREAS, as a nation we must come together and give the police their due respect, honor the work of these brave and dedicated men and woman in blue, and take pride in them as “Palau’s Finest”; and

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby proclaim and designate May 15th of this year and every subsequent year as Police Officer Memorial Day and the week of May 15th as Police Appreciation Week in which we come together as a nation to honor the police officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives in the performance of their duty, and to recognize police officers in the past and present who by their faithful and dedicated service serve and protect all of the people of the Republic of Palau through the enforcement of the law.

So Proclaimed this 15th day of May 2013

/s/

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