

## **Presidential Proclamation No. 13-96**

### ***Declaring this September 2013 as Cancer Awareness Month***

**WHEREAS**, cancer has remained in the top three (3) leading causes of death in the Republic of Palau for the past 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer cases in Palau may be directly linked to the changing lifestyles and diets of the people of Palau, including the change from a simple diet of local fish, fruit and vegetables to a more complex diet of imported, processed food; and

**WHEREAS**, use of cigarettes and other tobacco products, and consumption of alcoholic beverages also contribute to the higher incidence of cancer among our people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cancer Prevention and Control Program at the Ministry of Health and the Cancer Coalition (O.M.U.B) have formed a partnership to raise awareness on the social, economic and emotional impact of cancer to families and the Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to implement comprehensive cancer prevention and control services within Palau to focus on all aspects of cancer care; and

**WHEREAS**, to reduce cancer morbidity and mortality, it is necessary to conduct a large scale public education campaign regarding cancer prevention, in particular to encourage screening and early detection program that are designed to detect cancer at its earliest stage when it is treatable; and

**WHEREAS**, we must create, enhance and promote Survivorship/Palliative care programs, designed to reduce the social, economic, emotional and spiritual burden of cancer care to families affected thereby; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by the authority set forth in the Constitution as vested in the President of the Republic of Palau, I hereby proclaim the month of September as Cancer Awareness Month.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this August 28, 2013, in Koror, Republic of Palau.

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