

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 13-98

Declaring October 23rd, 2013 to January 31st, 2014 as Red Ribbon Months to Signify Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention in Palau

THEME: “A Healthy Me is Drug Free”

WHEREAS, injury and death associated with Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) is very preventable; and

WHEREAS, data provided by the Ministry of Justice revealed that from 2011 to April 2013, 100% of the aggravated assaults in Palau were linked to the use of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, there were 107 documented instances of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) in 2011; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education messages and efforts by community members be launched to eliminate irresponsible Drunk and Drugged Driving practices; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Months Campaign offers citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles (no use of illegal drugs, no illegal use of legal drugs); and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Months Campaign offers an easy social campaign of simply “A Healthy Me is Drug Free”; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Months Campaign will be celebrated in every community in Palau during Red Ribbon Months, from October 23rd 2013 to January 31st, 2014; and

WHEREAS, leaders, businesses, governments, parents, law enforcement, the media, medical institutions, religious institutions, schools, senior citizens, service organizations, and youth shall demonstrate their commitment to this prevention effort and to maintaining a healthy, drug-free lifestyle by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this three-month campaign conducted by The Prevention Unit within the Division of Behavioral Health; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau further commits its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon Months Campaign,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby proclaim the period from October 23rd, 2013 to January 31st, 2014, as RED RIBBON MONTHS, and encourage our citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, not only during Red Ribbon Months, but all year long, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a safe and Drunk-free, Drug-free, and Violence-free Republic of Palau.

SO PROCLAIMED on this 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013, in the Republic of Palau.

/s/

Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President
Republic of Palau