

## Presidential Proclamation No. 14-116

*To Proclaim April 22, 2014 as National Earth Day: “The Face of Climate Change”*

**WHEREAS**, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is internationally recognized throughout the world as Earth Day to promote understanding of the need to conserve the Earth’s resources and planetary environment; and

**WHEREAS**, it is everyone’s responsibility, as stewards of the Planet Earth and its environment, to prevent excessive exploitation and depletion of our natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, our island environment is very fragile and our future livelihood is dependent on its preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, sustainable development will help today’s Palauans achieve their desired financial goals and lifestyles without jeopardizing future opportunities for tomorrow’s generation of Palauans; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Earth Day is to proclaim a day upon which we will remind ourselves of the importance of protecting the Earth and conserving our natural resources and natural beauty for the sake of future health and prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, collaborative efforts between the leaders of today and tomorrow is encouraged to stimulate actions to sustain our environment from our ridges to our reefs; and

**WHEREAS**, all Palauans are encouraged to take those personal and community actions necessary to enhance and preserve our natural environment and to participate in Earth Day activities; and

**WHEREAS**, this year’s Earth Day theme is “The Face of Climate Change”, recognizing the increased impacts of climate change on various aspects of the environment and on the sustainable livelihoods of our people and recognizing the need to implement adaptation and mitigation measures to reduce those impacts;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in the President of the Republic of Palau, and in the interest of conserving Palau’s natural resources for future generations, I hereby proclaim April 22, 2014 as Earth Day in the Republic of Palau.

**SO PROCLAIMED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014 at Meyuns, Koror, Republic of Palau.

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