

## PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 34-86b

Proclaiming Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a Legal Holiday  
January 20, 1986

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through his life and his work, strived for establishment and maintenance of justice and for the protection of human rights for all human beings and equal opportunity for the development of youth and has inspired all the people of the world; and

WHEREAS, the human rights mission of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is still unfinished in that there are people still oppressed, suffering from hunger and poverty and do not enjoy full measure of human rights; and

WHEREAS, the third Monday in January, which is January 20th of this year, has been established by United States law as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and made a legal holiday in the United States and throughout the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands as well; and

WHEREAS, the people of Palau have traditionally protected the rights of the poor, the elderly, underprivileged ethnic minorities and have customarily worked to protect, promote and advance the interests of youth; and

WHEREAS, by observing January 20<sup>th</sup> as a legal holiday and in honoring the memory of late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we express as a nation our firm commitment to the principles of justice and human rights for all mankind within the Republic of Palau and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas O. Remengesau, Vice President of the Republic of Palau, hereby declare and proclaim January 20, 1986, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day throughout the Republic of Palau to be observed as a legal holiday by all government employees and all citizens of this Republic on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 1986.

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Thomas O. Remengesau  
Vice President of the Republic of Palau