

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 55-90

A Presidential Proclamation of Belau Arts Festival

WHEREAS, in an attempt to overcome the neglect which culture has suffered during the unprecedented economic and technological advances that have taken place since World War II, the United Nations has declared 1988-1997 as the World Decade for Cultural Development (WDCD); and

WHEREAS, certain agencies of the National Government have coordinated their efforts to bring together Palauan Artists at all levels to share their creative expressions and to promote and foster all local art forms through a first organized Belau Art Festival to be held on July 9th - 10th, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the first Belau Arts Festival was organized with the objectives of asserting the importance of traditional Palauan culture in the development of our society, providing the impetus for the revival of traditional arts, encouraging young Palauans to perpetuate Palauan artistic expression, and promoting visitors appreciation of Palauan culture through the arts; and

WHEREAS, in the preamble of our Constitution we professed our dedication to preserve and enhance our traditional heritage, and that July 9 of each year has been set aside by law as a legal holiday to commemorate the ratification of our Constitution; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the first Belau Arts Festival be held on July 9th - 10th, 1990 to coincide with our Constitutional Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, I hereby proclaim that the First Belau Arts Festival be held on July 9th - 10th, 1990 to coincide with our Constitution Day.

So proclaimed on this 3rd day of July, 1990.

/s/

Ngiratkel Etpison
President of the Republic of Palau