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PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 18-234

*Declaring May 6-12, 2018 as Palau National Nurses Week
Nurses: Inspire, Innovate, Influence*

WHEREAS, the nursing work force in Palau comprise the nation's largest group of healthcare professionals; and

WHEREAS, the strength, coverage, and number of qualified nursing professionals is needed to meet the ever-evolving health care needs of all of the people in Palau in a wide range of settings, and

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Health's Bureau of Nursing with Palau Nurses Association and the rest of the Ministry of Health Family are working together to chart a new course for a more proactive nation by not only providing the services where it used to be but at every opportunity-bringing access and delivery of primary and preventive health care to the community.

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require better utilizations of all our nations nursing workforce, as well as additional experienced nurses to ensure current coverage and the efforts to increase accessibility will not be compromised, and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized, homebound, community bound patients, as well as the community at large as whole and

WHEREAS, the demand for nurses and nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, growth of home health care services, as well as more preventive focused efforts such as the school based programs and other community level settings

WHEREAS, more qualified nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of our population, and

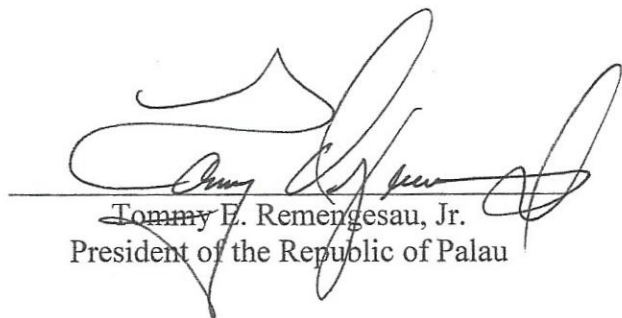


WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by the nurses will continue to be an important component of the Republic of Palau health care delivery system now and in the forthcoming years, and

WHEREAS, along with the Palau Nursing Profession-Ministry of Health Bureau of Nursing, the Palau Nurses Association has declared the week of May 6–12 as National Nurses Week, celebrating the occasion with the American Nurses Association with the theme - Nurses: Inspire, Innovate and Influence, in celebration of the ways in which nurses strive to provide safe and high-quality patient care, to actively contribute ways to improve our health care system, as well as inspire everyone to live a healthy lifestyle;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau do hereby proclaim the week of May 6–12 as National Nurses Week and ask all of the people of Republic of Palau join me in honoring our nurses who care for all of us. And I further ask that the people of Palau come together to celebrate our nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system, and show our appreciation for the nation's nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

SO PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of May, 2018 at Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau.


Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
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