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**PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION. 17-207**

*Declaring April 22, 2017 as National Earth Day:*

*“Environmental and Climate Literacy”*

*“Omesodel a Lukel a Klengar er a Kid me a Ngedechel a Eltel a Belwulechad”*

**WHEREAS**, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is recognized as Earth Day around the world, highlighting the urgent need to conserve the Earth’s resources and protect our planetary environment; and

**WHEREAS**, humankind is currently facing tremendous global challenges affecting every community, including large-scale migration, degradation of ecosystems, mass extinction of species, and global climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, preparing our Nation for the inevitable impacts of climate change requires climate-resilient communities with protected lands and waters,

**WHEREAS**, our Island’s unique biodiversity is the foundation of national economy and security; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding environmental education and climate literacy is vital to enhance awareness about the environment, inform decision-making, and protect future generations, and

**WHEREAS**, the youth of the Island are our most valuable resource and represent a source of endless creativity and potential; and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood that sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is more important than ever to act locally and to cooperate internationally and defend the environmental progress that has been heretofore gained; and



**WHEREAS**, all are encouraged to partake in actions, as individuals, families, communities, and as a Nation, to safeguard our natural environment against global challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, and in the interest of conserving Palau's natural resources for future generations through environmental and climate literacy, I hereby declare April 22, 2017 as Earth Day in the Republic of Palau.

**SO PROCLAIMED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017 at Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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