



TENTH OLBIIL ERA KELULAU

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

MARCH 2017

HOUSE BILL NO. 10-6-1, HD2, SD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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OFFERED BY DELEGATE(S) All Delegates

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DATE INTRODUCED January 27, 2017

HOUSE ACTION

FIRST READING: January 27, 2017
 REFERRED TO: Health, Social and Cultural Affairs
 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO: 10-2
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 FINAL ACTION: March 23, 2017

SENATE ACTION

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 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO: 10-8
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 THIRD READING: March 22, 2017
 FINAL ACTION:

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTION

DATE: None
 COMMITTEE REPORT: None
 DATE PASSED: None


 Marcello Ngirkelau

Acting HOUSE CLERK


 Ann L. Pedro

SENATE CLERK

AN ACT

To establish a National Day of Prayer in the Republic of Palau that shall be announced yearly by Presidential Proclamation, and for other related purposes.

THE PEOPLE OF PALAU REPRESENTED IN THE OLBIL ERA KELULAU DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Legislative findings. The Olbil Era Kelulau finds that the Republic of
2 Palau has long recognized the importance of seeking the guidance of Almighty God. At
3 the establishment of the Republic of Palau's Constitution, the framers of the Constitution
4 understood that one of the central values and considerations of the Republic was the
5 acknowledgment of God and referenced such in the Preamble. Historically, the Olbil
6 Era Kelulau has called each legislative session to order with words of prayer. Many
7 people of this Republic, in congregations and as individuals, turn to prayer as a means of
8 uniting and affirming their trust in and dependence on God in times of sorrow and
9 blessing. No matter the religion, practice, or belief, this great island nation affirms the
10 freedom of conscience to express one's beliefs in the manner of his or her choosing and
11 without reservation or reproach. The Olbil Era Kelulau recognizes and responds to a
12 petition from numerous church representatives and therefore calls for a Presidential
13 Proclamation to provide an opportunity for people of all faiths to come together and pray
14 for God's continued guidance, forgiveness, and protection.

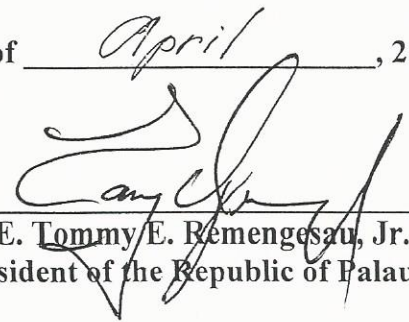
15 Section 2. National Day of Prayer.

16 The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating any day in January
17 as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the Republic of Palau may honor and
18 entreat Almighty God through prayer in groups or as individuals.

19 Section 3. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
20 President of the Republic of Palau, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

PASSED: March 23, 2017

Approved this 13th day of April, 2017



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