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PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 17-208

*Declaring May 12, 2017 as National Nurses Day for the Republic of Palau
Nurses: Advocates for a Healthy Community*

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 the people in Palau in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, the Palau Nurses Association with Ministry of Health's (MOH) Bureau of Nursing and the rest of the MOH Bureaus Directors and the Minister of Health 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; and

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, and community bound patients; 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, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

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

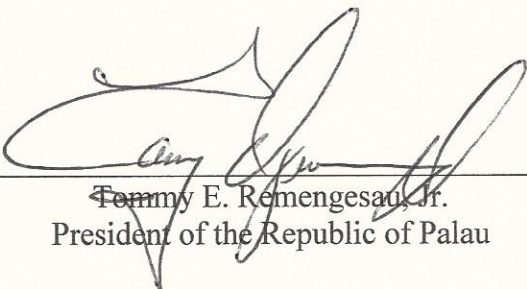


WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by the nurses will continue to be an important component of the Republic of Palau health care delivery system now and in the forthcoming years; and

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, with the theme *Nurses: Advocates for a Healthy Community*, in celebration of the ways in which nurses strive to provide safe and high-quality patient care and to actively contribute ways to improve our health care system, therefore be it.

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, do hereby declare May 12, 2017 as National Nurses Day for the Republic of Palau and ask that all citizens and residents of Republic of Palau join me in honoring the nurses who care for all of us; that all citizens and residents of Palau 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 10th day of May 2017 in Koror, Republic of Palau.



Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
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