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Declaring Ureor el Beluu ("National Community Clean-Up") on July 7th and 8th, 2017 and encouraging the participation of all citizens and people of the Republic of Palau

WHEREAS, the increasing quantity of debris swept up on our shores is endangering life in our coastal areas and lagoons, while the rapid growth of the invasive Kebeas vine (*Merremia peltata*) is threatening Palau's native plants and birds; and

WHEREAS, these conditions and others in and around our homes can give rise to mosquitoes and other threats to our Republic, where both human and environmental health depend on cleanliness within and around our homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Year of the Family, we are all working to strengthen and sustain the Palauan Family as the institution upon which all others depend; and


WHEREAS, our national effort to safeguard life, property, and the environment of the Republic of Palau depends on the participation of each and every family; and

WHEREAS, this Year of the Family, and our approaching 37th Belau-Constitution Day, provide us a valuable opportunity to come together as a united people including the national government, state governments, traditional leaders, private sector, and family and friends to clear the waste, pests, and invasive species threatening our lives and property; and

WHEREAS, our efforts will promote cleanliness within and around our homes and communities for ourselves and our visitors, foster public/private community and individual partnership, and encourage all families of Palau to bring back our long tradition of "Ureor el Beluu" for the benefit of our people and our home;

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 July 7th and 8th as National Clean-Up Days for the Republic of Palau. In so doing, I call on all People of Palau to join this mass effort to clean up our homes and communities. Furthermore, I order our National Government Ministries to lead by example, utilizing the entire day of July 7th, 2017 to participate in our National Clean-Up Day. Specific guidance will be issued to all National Government Ministries by the Office of the President.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 29th day of June, 2017 at Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau.



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