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**PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 18-227**

*Declaring the year 2018 as the Year of Good Health and calling for a national effort to promote better health and well-being in the Republic of Palau*

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations has declared, within its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, Sustainable Development Goal 3, “Good Health and Well-Being,” the objective of which is to “ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages,” and has called upon nations around the world to pursue targeted measures to improve the health and well-being of their people; and

**WHEREAS**, good health is necessary to achieve the prosperity, longevity, and sustainable livelihoods that we all desire for the continued growth of the Republic of Palau; and

**WHEREAS**, good health and wellness result in happiness, strength, wisdom, productivity, and peacefulness; and

**WHEREAS**, many injuries, deaths, and acts of violence result from substance abuse including narcotic drug abuse and the harmful use of alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, many of Palau’s leading causes of premature death, injury, illness, and disability are very much preventable with proper awareness and the implementation of appropriate measures to control and avoid them; and

**WHEREAS**, a focus on prevention and control is critical to alleviating the social impact, including treatment and productivity costs, of chronic diseases and health conditions, which are becoming a significant impediment to the growth and progress of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the achievement of good health and well-being requires the support of our entire community, with coordination between the government, the private sector, civil societies, and individual families to ensure that all people living in Palau have the knowledge required to make informed health decisions in an environment that promotes and protects good health and wellness; and

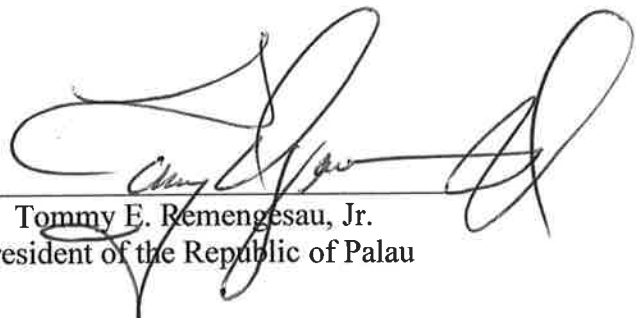


**WHEREAS**, good health begins at home, and every individual should adopt good dietary discipline and strive for an active and healthy lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, healthy individuals make up healthy families, healthy families make up healthy communities, and healthy communities make up a healthy nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me, by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, I hereby proclaim this year 2018 to be the "Year of Good Health," in which our National Government is mandated and our civic organizations, private sector partners, and individual families throughout our nation are encouraged to join in the effort by investing time and resources toward lessening the incidence of violence, non-communicable disease, and other health-related issues by promoting and fostering healthy living, active lifestyles, and strong community engagement for the better health of our Republic.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018 at the Palau National Capitol, Republic of Palau.



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President of the Republic of Palau