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**PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 18-235**

*Declaring May 8, 2018 as National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day*

*"Partnering for Help and Hope Following Trauma"*

*"De Kaukledem e Dekaingeseu el Melisiich a Omeletkir a Rengelked sel ngar ngii a meringel ra udesuir"*

**WHEREAS**, ensuring the mental and physical well-being of all Palauans, and particularly of Palauan children, is fundamental to the future of the Republic of Palau; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure the mental well-being of Palauan children, youth, and families, we must address complex mental health needs starting at a young age; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure the mental health of our children, it is necessary to focus our attention on programs, lessons, and practical skills that provide them positive support and promote nutrition, nurturing relationships, and positive Palauan values; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for children, as well as for youth, young adults, and families, requires critical policy changes to encourage community-wide responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to promote awareness on these issues, it is appropriate that a day should be set aside each year for the purpose of recognizing and promoting our children's mental health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, in this Year of Good Health, all Palauans are urged to consider the challenging needs of children and youth with a positive attitude; and


**WHEREAS**, every child and youth should have time to have fun despite everyday challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ministry of Health, Division of Behavioral Health and its partners, are collaborating through a unique approach to serving and advocating for children, youth, young adults, and families in our community;



**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. President of the Republic of Palau, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau do hereby proclaim May 8, 2018 as National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, and ask all of the people of the Republic of Palau, as well as all relevant agencies and organizations, to unite in partnership to address the mental health needs of our children. I further ask all citizens to come together in observance of National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day to support and promote the mental and overall health of our children and to join in partnership and collaboration to raise public awareness supporting national mental health initiatives.

**SO PROCLAIMED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018 at Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau.



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