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**PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION No. 19-255**

*Declaring the Year 2019 as the “Year of Innovative Learning and Excellence” for the Republic of Palau*

**WHEREAS**, to learn is to grow, and learning is not only for our youth, just as the responsibility of building our Republic and helping it grow is not only for our elders. We must always strive to learn and grow together, as one national family, in the pursuit of excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, learning is a lifelong process and no person, regardless of experience or education, should ever stop learning. It is not limited by age, or by formal structures such as curriculum; and

**WHEREAS**, we must seek learning opportunities in all areas of life and in new experiences, by opening ourselves to partnerships, opportunities, and innovative approaches to problems new and old; and

**WHEREAS**, we cannot be afraid of the dark. No person, family, culture, or nation can grow without taking smart risks or trying new things. Innovative learning requires us to “think outside the box” and open our hearts to new experiences, new approaches, and new solutions in our lives, families, businesses, culture, and government; and

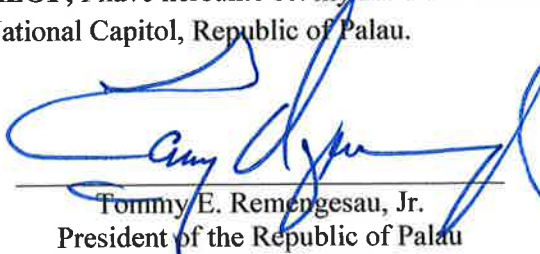
**WHEREAS**, long after mastering the basics of any activity, we must continue to strive for excellence. The lifelong quest for excellence requires us to learn and grow throughout our lives, and to constantly improve upon the things we already do well; and

**WHEREAS**, a commitment by all citizens, young and old, to learning and personal growth, and to excellence in all things, will move us forward as a nation and a people; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations has declared 2019 a year of knowledge, peace, rights inclusion, and diversity, focusing on implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals;

**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 2019 as the “Year of Innovative Learning and Excellence.” Throughout this year our National Government is mandated, and civic organizations, private sector partners, and individual families throughout our nation are encouraged, to invest time and resources towards building knowledge and understanding through new experiences, new partnerships, and new sources of knowledge and opportunity. This should include establishing, strengthening, and fostering initiatives to perpetuate the acquisition of knowledge through experience, partnership, and innovation. It should also include a renewed drive even by the oldest, wisest, best educated, and most experienced in our society to reject complacency and push for excellence in all that they do. All persons, young and old, must open themselves to new sources of learning for the progress and benefit of our Republic.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2019 at the Palau National Capitol, Republic of Palau.



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