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PRESIDNETIAL PROCLAMATION 19-262

Declaring May 6-12, 2019 as Palau National Nurses Week with the theme coinciding with International Council of Nurses theme of “Nurses: A Voice to Lead, Health for All”

WHEREAS, the nursing work force in Palau comprises 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-growing health care needs of all the people in Palau in a wide range of settings, and

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Health’s (MOH) Bureau of Nursing with Palau Nurses Association and the rest of the Ministry of Health Family and are our partners in the community (private clinics and other Non Governmental Organizations) are working together to chart a new course for a more proactive nation by not only providing existing services but to create opportunities in bringing access and delivery of primary and preventive health care to the entire 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, community bound patients, as well as the community at large as whole; 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, growth of home health care services, private clinics as well as more preventive focused efforts such as the school based programs, community health centers and other community settings; and

WHEREAS, more qualified and innovative nursing workforces 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: A Voice to Lead, Health for All*” a pre-cursor to Universal Health Coverage; and

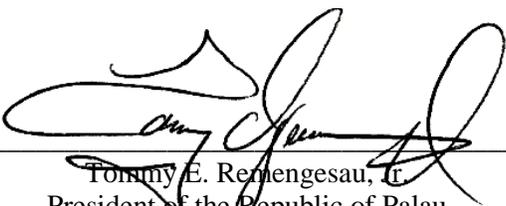
WHEREAS, Nurses are essential in transforming health care and health systems such that no person is left behind, without access to care or impoverished because of their need to care; and

WHEREAS, the MOH Bureau of Nursing with Palau Nurses Association will hold a commemorative ceremony on May 10, 2019 to mark International Nurses Day on May 06, 2019 as well as May 12, 2019 the birthday of Florence Nightingale- the founder of modern day nursing; and

WHEREAS, Let’s celebrate nurses’ commitment to addressing many public health challenges to transform health care to focus on health and wellness, in addition to illness care, commitment to delivering culturally competent care and increasing diversity and inclusion in nursing, and finally their commitment to work as researchers, executives, educators and innovators on national and global initiatives.

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 the week of May 6–12 as National Nurses Week and ask all of the people of Republic of Palau join me in honoring our nurses who care for all of us. And I further ask that the people of Palau come together to 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 1st day of May 2019 at the National Capitol in Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau.



Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
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