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**PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION 19-271**

***Declaring September 13, 2019 as Micronesia Cleanup Day in the Republic of Palau***

**WHEREAS**, the leaders of the governments of the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and its states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the United States Territory of Guam held their 24<sup>th</sup> Micronesian Islands Forum in Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia, on July 10-11, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, at that meeting the leaders recognized that the increase of trash on land and coastal debris swept up on our Micronesian shores is posing a great threat to our islands' marine and terrestrial life, including by contaminating our natural resources, creating toxic microplastics, and bolstering the populations of disease-spreading vector species such as rats and mosquitoes; and

**WHEREAS**, all people in the Micronesian region are needed to aid in the effort to keep the environment upon which we rely healthy and pristine; and

**WHEREAS**, at the Micronesian Islands Forum, the assembled leaders decided that a Micronesia Cleanup Day should be declared throughout Micronesia on September 13, 2019, with activities to mark the day held simultaneously on all Micronesian islands; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Micronesia Cleanup Day provides all of us — political leaders, traditional leaders, business leaders, friends, and family — the opportunity to come together as a united people to remove from our environment waste, pollution, vermin, and invasive species that pose a threat to our lives and property; and


**WHEREAS**, each of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are related to the environment — the surrounding habitat of man — which makes a clean environment the lifeblood needed to achieve sustainable development; and

**WHEREAS**, our efforts will promote cleanliness within and around our homes and communities for our own benefit, provide a more beautiful environment for our visitors to enjoy, foster public-private and community-individual partnerships, and encourage all Micronesian people to practice our long tradition of “working together” for the benefit of our communities and homes;



**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, do hereby declare September 13, 2019, to be Micronesia Cleanup Day in the Republic of Palau, and order all Ministries of the National Government to participate in Micronesia Cleanup Day. In so doing, I call on all People of Palau to join this mass effort to clean up our homes and communities, our land, and our sea. Furthermore, I encourage the Legislative and Judicial Branches of the National Government, the State Governments, our civil society organizations, and our friends in the private sector and at our diplomatic embassies, to join in Micronesia Cleanup Day by dedicating September 13, 2019, to cleaning up our beloved island home.

**SO PROCLAIMED**, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, at the National Capitol in Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau.



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