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PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 20-282

*Declaring May 6-12, 2020 as Palau National Nurses Week
“Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Nursing the World to Health.”*

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the year 2020 as the “Year of the Nurse and Midwife,” honoring nurses’ and midwives’ contributions to making the world a healthier place; and

WHEREAS, the nursing workforce in Palau comprises the nation’s largest group of healthcare professionals; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component of safe and quality care for hospitalized, homebound, and community-bound patients, as well as the larger community; and

WHEREAS, the strength and courage of qualified nursing professionals is needed to meet the wide-ranging and ever-evolving health care needs of all the people in Palau, ensuring that no person is left without access to adequate medical care; and

WHEREAS, the demand for high-quality nurses and nursing services will continued to grow because of emerging and re-emerging diseases, aging populations, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, the growth of home healthcare services, private clinics, and prevention-focused efforts in our schools and community health centers; and

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Health’s Bureau of Nursing and the Palau Nurses Association have joined the International Council of Nurses to declare the week of May 6-12, 2020, as National Nurses Week with the theme “Nurses: A Voice to Lead-Nursing the World to Health”; and



WHEREAS, nurses’ commitment to addressing public health challenges and transforming health care to focus on health and wellness, in addition to providing culturally competent care and their commitment to work as researchers, executives, educators and innovators on national and global initiatives should be lauded and celebrated;

NOW, THEREFORE,I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, do hereby declare May 6-12, 2020, as Palau National Nurses Week with the theme “Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Nursing the World to Health,” and ask that the Republic of Palau join me in honoring the nurses who care for all of us, celebrate their accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system, and show our appreciation for them not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

SO PROCLAIMED, this 4th day of May 2020 at the Palau National Capitol in Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

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