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PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 17-206

*Declaring April 28, 2017 as
National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day*

*"Partnering for Help and Hope"
"De Kaukledm e Dekaingeseu el Melisiich a Omeletkir a Rengelked"*

WHEREAS, the theme "Partnering for Help and Hope" of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the focus on this special day is to provide children and youth the lessons and skills to understand various dimensions of mental wellbeing through fun activities on nutrition, quality time with family and friends, nurturing relationships and enriching Palauan values; and

WHEREAS, providing positive support for children and youth to maximize their potential to meet their goals at home, in school and in the community; and

WHEREAS, exploring the children and youth's skills and talents in music, art, and sports should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, every child and youth should have time to have fun and play despite every day challenges; and

WHEREAS, everyone should adopt a light-spirited attitude, emulating joy in approaching the challenging needs of the children and youth; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for children, youth, and families is a critical responsibility of our community; and

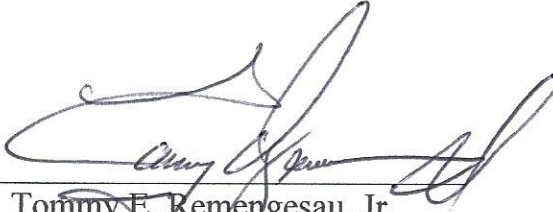
WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts toward our children's mental, emotional, social and overall health and well-being so they can grow as contributing members of the society; and



WHEREAS, the Division of Behavioral Health, Bureau of Public Health, Ministry of Health and collaborating community organizations are partnering through a unique approach to serve and advocate for the mental health needs of children, youth, and families in our community.

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 April 28, 2017, as National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day and urge our citizens and all agencies and organizations to increase public awareness and positively support the mental health and resilience of every child and youth in Palau; And I further urge all citizens to join and support state, national, non-governmental organizations that are working to make children's mental health a priority in our communities across Palau.

SO PROCLAIMED this 17th day of April 2017 in Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau.



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