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November 8, 2017  
Serial No. 17-352

The Honorable Sabino Anastacio  
Speaker, House of Delegates  
10<sup>th</sup> Olbiil Era Kelulau  
Ngerulmud, Palau National Capitol  
Republic of Palau 96939

### Signing Statement RE: Senate Bill No. 10-41, SD2, HD2 – Family Day Holiday


Dear Speaker Anastacio:

I thank you and all your colleagues in the Olbiil Era Kelulau, for the opportunity to sign the SB10-41, SD2, HD2 into law today. This bill establishes a national holiday to honor the family to be held on the fourth Friday of November each year. By passing this bill, the Olbiil Era Kelulau has taken an important step to recognize the importance and the value of families in our society and thus provide for every citizen the opportunity to appreciate, embrace and enjoy their family.

Designating the fourth Friday of November as a Family Day has a very important significance. It will automatically allow for a 4-day weekend as it will be followed by Thanksgiving Day which is on the fourth Thursday of November. This will be the only week in the year that every citizen may find the opportunity for a full 4 days weekend. This is even more significant because we have declared this year as the Year of Family and Olbiil Era Kelulau have passed this bill to establish a Family Day to coincide in the same week of the Thanksgiving Holiday giving more time for families to give thanks and enjoy one another's company.

With my signing of this bill into law, we are taking positive step together toward a happier nation where our citizens are given time to relax and embrace families.

Sincerely,



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**The Senate**  
**TENTH OLBIL ERA KELULAU**  
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FIFTH SPECIAL Session  
 NOVEMBER 2017

INTRODUCED AS SENATE BILL NO. 10-41, SD2, HD2

AN ACT

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR (S) BAULES, RUDIMCH, SKEBONG, SENIOR, KYOTA, INABO  
 AND NAKAMURA ET, AL.,

DATE INTRODUCED MARCH 22, 2017

**SENATE ACTION**

FIRST READING: MARCH 22, 2017  
 REFERRED TO: YOUTH AFFAIRS, SOCIAL WELFARE & CULTURE  
 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO.: 10-30  
 DATE ADOPTED: APRIL 26, 2017  
 SECOND READING: APRIL 26, 2017  
 LEGAL FORMAT: PROPER  
 REVIEW: MAY 2, 2017  
 THIRD READING: MAY 2, 2017  
 FINAL READING: NOVEMBER 7, 2017

**HOUSE ACTION**

FIRST READING: MAY 17, 2017  
 REFERRED TO: HEALTH, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO.: 10-28  
 DATE ADOPTED: JULY 17, 2017  
 SECOND READING: JULY 17, 2017  
 LEGAL FORMAT: PROPER  
 REVIEW: JULY 17, 2017  
 THIRD READING: NOVEMBER 2, 2017  
 FINAL READING:

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTION**

DATE: NONE  
 COMMITTEE REPORT NO.: NONE  
 DATE PASSED: NONE  
 FINAL READING: NONE

ANN J. PEDRO  
 CLERK OF THE SENATE

MARCELLO NGERKELAU  
 CLERK, HOUSE OF DELEGATES



- 1 (b) Any law, regulation or order in conflict with this chapter is superseded and
- 2 void to the extent of the conflict.”
- 3 Section 2. Effective date.
- 4 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the President of the Republic of
- 5 Palau, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

PASSED: November 7, 2017

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2017.



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