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PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 18-241

*Declaring the month of September 2018 as National Preparedness Month
"Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How"*

WHEREAS, there is an essential need to bring to attention the importance of preparation for natural and man-made disasters, by raising public awareness and making an effort to take appropriate measures to ensure community disaster resiliency; and

WHEREAS, with the increasing threats brought on by climate change as seen with Super Typhoons Bopha and Haiyan and recent droughts, as well as the emergence and re-emergence of diseases such as Dengue Fever and the Zika Virus, it is critical that adequate measures be set in place; and

WHEREAS, it is everyone's responsibility in the community to be involved in preparing the nation for disasters by encouraging families, businesses, and public and private agencies to observe and enact the theme: "Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How"; and

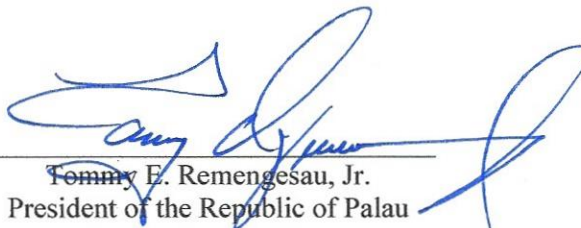
WHEREAS, the National Emergency Management Office encourages all households to prepare and maintain a family disaster kit, and for all public and private agencies and businesses to develop emergency response plans that would increase survivability and resiliency against disasters; and

WHEREAS, by taking these steps ensures that, as a nation we are better prepared against threats posed by disasters against human life, animal and environmental health, food security, public and private infrastructure, and allows for more effective and efficient recovery after such disasters; and

WHEREAS, by our collective efforts to advocate for and in taking proactive actions to prepare our communities for any and all disasters, as well as maintain and ensure the livelihood of our nation, our people, and our future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, by the virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, do hereby declare the month of September 2018 as National Preparedness Month in the Republic of Palau and urge everyone to take part in observing, promoting, and undertaking necessary steps to ensure personal and family health and safety as well as contribute to the collective efforts in securing the nation against any and all disasters.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 15th day of August, 2018 at the Palau National Capitol in Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau.



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