



The President
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Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION
SEPTEMBER 13
AS MICRONESIA CLEANUP DAY

WHEREAS, the fragility of the natural environment has demonstrated how much attention and care human beings need to dedicate to preserving the natural beauty and cleanliness of the physical environment; as it is indeed important to maintain health and cleanliness of our surroundings for the welfare of our people and all residents;

WHEREAS, outbreaks of dengue and other diseases have been observed in many parts of the world including in the neighboring Asia-Pacific region, and being situated in the usual travel routes across the Pacific region, Micronesia is vulnerable to the potential spread of these outbreaks;

WHEREAS, some of the ways to prevent these outbreaks from ever coming into our beautiful islands and to minimize the risks of our people getting infected with various diseases is for all of us, together and as one nation, to ensure, constantly, the cleanliness of our homes and surroundings and to preserve public health and clean environment at all times; and

WHEREAS, in the recently concluded Micronesian Islands Forum (MIF) held in Chuuk State just this year, the Leaders decided to join together and orchestrate an annual Cleanup Day all over the MIF jurisdictions—FSM and all its States, Palau, Marshall Islands, Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

NOW THEREFORE, I, David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Federated States of Micronesia, do hereby proclaim that, henceforth each year, September 13 shall be known and set aside as the Micronesia Cleanup Day. I personally urge all citizens and residents, governments, and private agencies and organizations in this country to join this day in ways that promote general awareness relating to cleanliness and health of the natural environment. I further urge the State governments and the private sector to allow their respective employees to participate in the cleanup activities and programs planned in each of the States. Except for those mandated to monitor and provide critical national services, all National Government employees shall be on administrative leave to join in this nationwide effort on September 13.

STH IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affix my signature hereto this
day of September 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Panuelo", written over a horizontal line.

David W. Panuelo
President