ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 04-90

Certification of Living National Treasures

WHEREAS, the Palauan people have been subjected to four separate colonial rulers for nearly a century without their consent; and

WHEREAS, during this period their tradition heritage and national identity had been interfered with and made subordinate to alien value system contrary to their wishes and interests; and

WHEREAS, in writing their Constitution, the people had renewed in the Preamble therein dedication to preserve and enhance their traditional heritage and national identity; and

WHEREAS, in pursuance of these expressed wishes, 19 PNC stipulates the compiling and indexing of information on the traditional and customary laws of the Republic of Palau and their underlying principles; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Cultural Affairs had established a Society of Historians, comprised of individuals skilled or knowledgeable in culture and tradition of the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and diligent efforts of these Historians has resulted in the publication of *Cheldellel a Uldelid 'l Llach ma Blekeradel ma Klebelau ra Rechuodel*, the two Volumes on traditional laws an lifestyle of the Palauan people,

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under 19 PNC and in recognition of this monumental achievement, I do hereby and certify these Historians of Ibetel a Cherechar as "Living National Treasures", to wit:

Wataru Elbelau of Ngeremlengui State
Theodosia Blailes of Angaur State

I DO AND FURTHER direct that these Living National Treasures and as historians be enshrined and registered as living symbols of Palauan cultural heritage and that they be accorded high esteem, respect and honor therefore; and

I DO AND FURTHER direct that the Volumes be published and promulgated and that the same be made official written history of Palau for education purpose for the present and future generations of the people of the Republic of Palau.

SO ORDERED AND DIRECTED, this 17th day of April, 1990.

/s/

Ngiratkel Etpison
President of the Republic of Palau