

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 01-02

Regarding the Death of the Late Ngircheteet Raymond Akiwo

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2001, at 1:00 p.m., after a lifetime of public service and commitment to the people of Koror State and of Palau, Chief Ngircheteet Raymond Akiwo was called to his eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngircheteet Raymond Akiwo was born on April 29, 1940 in Koror State, Republic of Palau and attended Horor Elementary School and later transferred to Mindszenty High School where he graduated in 1957; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngircheteet Raymond Akiwo continued his education in Guam where he graduated in 1960 from George Washington High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, after two years in Guam Vocational Trade School, the late Ngircheteet Raymond Akiwo returned home to begin his public career serving the people of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngircheteet Raymond Akiwo began his career as police officer and, for 16 years, climbed the ranks with distinguished service as a man in uniform; and

WHEREAS, from 1979 to 1980, the late Ngircheteet Raymond Akiwo was promoted to the position of Chief of Police and Director of the Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngircheteet Raymond Akiwo served as one of the ten top-ranking chiefs of Koror State having been Chief Ngircheteet for so many years; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngircheteet Raymond Akiwo was a proprietor of Ray Akiwo Gas and Service Station and A & A Repair Shop, and a cofounder of the Hanpa Hardware store and the Arirang Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngircheteet Raymond Akiwo served as a Senator from 1993 to 1996 in the Fourth Olbiil Era Kelulau having been elected from the State of Koror; and

WHEREAS, while a Senator, the late Ngircheteet Raymond Akiwo served as Chairman of the Senate Committee on judicial and Governmental Affairs and was a member of Foreign Affairs Committee, Education and Youth Affairs Committee and the Committee on Ways and Means; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngircheteet Raymond Akiwo was a respected member of his community and a good father and a husband; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngircheteet Raymond Akiwo is survived by his wife- Akemi Isid Akiwo; children- Roy (deceased), Jennifer, Hubert, Eunice, Patrick; three grandchildren- Yoshiro

Singeo, Medalarak Akiwo and Melatk Akiwo; sisters- Merlyn Yada Omelau and Sharon T. Remoket; brothers- Ashley Yada and Lee Hricik; mother Ayako Yada; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. He is also survived by his other brothers- Iwao Alik, Tetsuo Ichiro (deceased), Baltazar Milong (deceased), Leoncio Milong (deceased) and Titus Milong (deceased) and other sisters- Philomena Milong Rengulbai, Goretty Milong, Hannah Milong Price, Leolida Milong Iyechad, Faustina M. Meyar and Edwina M. Ngiraikelau; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau and by the provisions of 1 PNC 503(c) and of Executive Order No. 24, as amended, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, hereby proclaim that a state of national mourning shall be observed throughout the Republic as a tribute to the late Senator Ngircheteet Raymond Akiwo and that to properly observe the occasion of the death of this distinguished public servant, all flags regularly flown within the jurisdiction of the Republic of Palau, and the national flags regularly flown within the jurisdiction of the Republic of Palau, and the national flags of the Republic of Palau flown at embassies, consulates and offices of Palau in other countries, shall be flown at half-mast for a period of five (5) days commencing on March 26, 2001 and ending on March 31, 2001.

SO PROCLAIMED this 25th day of March 2001, at the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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