

Presidential Proclamation No. 01-07

Regarding the Death of the Former Late Governor Beches Maidesil Rechuld

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, 12 June 2001, at approximately 8:40 p.m., Palau time, after a lifetime of public service and commitment to the people of Ngaremlengui State and the Republic of Palau, Beches Maidesil Rechuld was called to his eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Beches Maidesil Rechuld was born on May 25, 1927 in Ngaremlengul State, Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the late Beches Maidesil Rechuld attended and completed his early education at the MOKKO carpentry school in Koror during the Japanese administration in Palau; and

WHEREAS, after World War 11, the late Beches Maidesil Rechuld began his public service by working as a maintenanceman from 1945-1951 during the Naval administration of Palau; and

WHEREAS, from 1952-1956, the late Beches Maidesil Rechuld worked as Maintenance Supervisor at Nekken Cacao project during the Trust Territory period; and

WHEREAS, from 1959-1964, the late Beches Maidesil Rechuld served as the Magistrate of the then Ngaremlengui Municipality; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, the late Beches Maidesil Rechuld was bestowed the traditional title of "Beches" of Ngaremlengui State, a title he held until his death; and

WHEREAS, from 1970-1981, the late Beches Maidesil Rechuld served as Community Organizer for the Palau Community Action Agency, representing Ngaremlengui Municipality; and

WHEREAS, from 1981-1982, the late Beches Maidesil Rechuld again served as Magistrate of Ngaremlengul Municipality, and again as first elected Governor of Ngaremlengui State from 1983-1990; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 1991, the late Beches Maidesil Rechuld retired from the public service but continued to provide advice and assistance to the government and the people of Ngaremlengui State; and

WHEREAS, the late Beches Maidesil Rechuld is survived by his wife- Mrs. Ulang Sambal Maidesil; his children: sons- Felix, Davis, Ngirbau, Marshiano, Ngirakesol and Fredrick; daughters- Basilia, Marshiana, Rosamistica and Kekewil and many grandchildren; siblings- Ngirasibong Lucius Malsol, Maireng Malsol and Ucheliei Toribiong and numerous relatives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested In me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, and by the provisions of 1 PNC 503(c) and Executive Order No. 24, 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 Beches Maidesil Rechuld and that to properly observe the occasion of the death of this distinguished public servant, all flags regularly flown within the jurisdiction of Palau, and national flags of the Republic 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 June 14, 2001 and ending on June 18, 2001.

SO PROCLAIMED this 14th day of June 2001 at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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