

## **Presidential Proclamation No. 01-10**

Regarding the Death of the Late Ebilreklai

WHEREAS, the late Ebilreklai Yaorong Kebou was born on December 3, 1910, in what is now Nglwal State, to Oyaol and Ngewakl Twekel and adopted by her aunt Ebilreklal Rolmil and Ngirstekau Terteruich; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, October 17, 2001, the late Ebilreklal Yaorong Kebou was called to her eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Ebilreklai Yaorong Kebou began her early education in Melekeok for three years and continued for another two years in Koror. Upon completing her education, she worked for one of her instructors until the outbreak of World War II; and

WHEREAS, the late Ebilreklal Yaorong Kebou was very business oriented at very early age and she organized the eastcoast women's market at Bai era Chelechil and continued to Bai era lek in Koror; she also operated a small retail store; and

WHEREAS, her interest in business took her to Japan many times where she met and befriended a lot of Japanese People. She also helped a lot of Japanese students who wanted to learn more about our Palauan culture; and

WHEREAS, the late Ebilreklal Yaorong Kebou was attentive and dedicated not only to her Udes clan affairs but also the affairs of Melekeok State as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in April 1997 after Ebilreklal Umai passed away, Ebilreklai Yaorong Kebou was bestowed the title of Ebilreklai a title she held until her death; and

WHEREAS, in April 1994 the late Ebilreklal Yaorong Kebou joined Bilung and organized the first women's conference to address important Issues affecting Palau today; and

WHEREAS, the late Ebilreklai Yaorong Kebou married Martin NgIrakebou after World War II and is survived by her children: Ramona Kebou Martin, Irene Obeketang (deceased), John Kebou, Donald Kabou, Dora Kebou Moore, Sayo Kebou, Jason Kesolel, Matthew Kesolel, Doug Kesolei, Siloual Obeketang, Bedebil Obeketang, Ngiramoal David Santos and numerous grandchildren and relatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau and by the provision of 1 PNC 503(c) and of 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 of Palau as a tribute to the late Ebilreklal Yaorong Kebou and that to properly observe the occasion of the death of this distinguished traditional leader, all flags regularly flown within jurisdiction of the Republic of Palau, and the national flag of the Republic flown in liaison offices of Palau in other countries,

shall be flown at half-mast for a period of five (5) days commencing on October 29 and ending on October 27, 2001.

SO PROCLAIMED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2001 at Koror State. Republic of Palau.

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