

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 01-92

WHEREAS, the late Reklai Siangeldeb Basilius was born in Ngchesar State on August 15, 1920, and passed away last Sunday, January 5, 1992; and

WHEREAS, Reklai Siangeldeb Basilius attended school in Melekeok and Koror prior to joining the Japanese Land Commission in 1936 and subsequently worked for the Japanese government agricultural program and, during world War II, with the Japanese army; and

WHEREAS, Reklai Siangeldeb Basilius served as a policeman from 1945 to 1950 and was elected to represent Ngchesar State in the Palau Legislature in 1952 and, in 1954, was elected Magistrate of Ngchesar State; and

WHEREAS, Reklai Siangeldeb Basilius worked as a farmer for many years before being selected to become the Reklai and head of state of Melekeok State in 1981; and

WHEREAS, the people of Palau have benefitted from the wisdom and vision of Reklai Siangeldeb Basilius for many years and join his family in mourning the loss of this outstanding man;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ngiratkel Etpison, President of the Republic of Palau, by virtue of the power vested in me by Section 7 of Article VIII of the Constitution of Palau do hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 7, 1992, as a day of mourning for the death of the late High Chief Reklai Siangeldeb Basilius;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the people of Palau are requested to recognize, respect and observe this day of mourning as a tribute to the late Reklai;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that all flags flown within the territorial jurisdiction of Palau be flown half mast beginning today, January 6, 1992 and continuing until January 11, 1991, in accordance with Executive Order No. 24 and in recognition of the late Reklai Siangeldeb Basilius.

SIGNED AND DATED this 6th day of January, 1992.

/s/

Ngiratkel Etpison
President of the Republic of Palau