

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO 01-95

Regarding Untimely Death of Obak-ra-Kelau Kambalang Olebuu

WHEREAS, on January 21, 1995, the late Honorable Kambalang Olebuu was called to eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Kambalang Olebuu was born on January 1, 1925 in the State of Kayangel and was educated during the Japanese and U.S. Naval Administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Olebuu began his professional career as an appointed member of Japanese delegation to Papua New Guinea to explore mineral resources in 1942 and remained in Papua New Guinea until 1946; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Olebuu became a clerk to the Magistrate of Kayangel Municipality in early 1950s until he was first elected as representative of Kayangel Municipality to the First Legislature in 1965 where he served in all Seven Legislatures of the then Palau District which ended in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Olebuu was elected first Delegate of Kayangel State under the Palau Constitutional Government in the First Olbiil Era Kelulau from 1981 to 1984 during which time he was involved in the movement to separate Palau from the other five Micronesian Districts and had an active role in the future political status of the Republic; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Olebuu was also elected to frame the Constitution of Kayangel State in 1982; appointed by the late President Lazarus Salii as a member of Historical and Cultural Advisory Board in 1988; and was reappointed by former President Etpison to the same post in 1992; and was further appointed by President Nakamura to the same post; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Olebuu is survived by his wife, Ngetiungel, and their ten children--Akemi, Flora, Harris (Governor of Kayangel State), Myorang, Harrington (Delegate of Kayangel State Legislature), Florence, Vorang, Henry, Amelia, Floria--and numerous grandchildren;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic and by the provisions of 1 PNC 503(c) and of Executive Order No. 24, I, Kuniwo Nakamura, President of the Republic of Palau, hereby proclaim that a state of national mourning exists throughout the Republic of Palau as a tribute to the late Kambalang Olebuu 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 liaison offices of Palau in other countries, shall be hoisted at half-mast for a period five (5) days commencing on January 23, 1995 and ending on January 27, 1995.

SO PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of January, 1995 at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau