

## PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 01-96

Regarding the untimely Death of Wenty Tongmy

WHEREAS, on Saturday, 13 January 1996, the late Honorable Wenty Tongmy was called to his eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Wenty Tongmy was born on 01 March 1923, to Ketebengang Eruei and Echerii Ketebengang in the State of Peleliu and was educated during the Japanese and United States Administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tongmy began his employment with a Japanese Phosphate Company in 1940 and from 1944 to 1945, was a Police Officer under the Japanese Military; and

WHEREAS, in 1946 Mr. Tongmy began his teaching career as a Teacher in the Airai Elementary School and in January of 1946 was transferred to Peleliu as a Teacher where he taught first to sixth grades through 1956; and

WHEREAS, from May of 1956 through 1983 Mr. Tongmy was Assistant Principal of the Peleliu Elementary School and in June of 1983 was promoted to the position of Principal of the Peleliu Elementary School which position he remained until his retirement in 1987; and

WHEREAS, during the time that Mr. Tongmy was a Teacher in Peleliu he also served in the Fifth and Sixth Palau Legislature representing Peleliu State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tongmy is survived by his wife, Antonia Rengiil Wenty, and their 8 children, - Sadako Wenty Smau, Mary Wenty Adelbai, Lorinda Wenty Baules, Emery Wenty, Shanrang Wenty Sadang, Dione Wenty Oldiais, Burton Wenty, Sarah Wenty, and 22 grandchildren; 1 brother - Laurence Ketebengang; 2 sisters - Namiko Camacho and Helen Yamada; 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, 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 Wenty Tongmy and that to properly observe the occasion, all flags regularly flown within the jurisdiction of Palau, and national flags of the Republic flown at Palau Embassies and Consulates in other countries, shall be hoisted at half-mast for a period of five (5) days commencing on 18 January 1996 and ending on 22 January 1996.

SO PROCLAIMED this 17th day of January, 1996 at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

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Kuniwo Nakamura  
President of the Republic of Palau