

Presidential Proclamation No. 01-97

Regarding untimely Death of Former Senator Sylvester F. Alonz

WHEREAS, on May 18, 1997, the late Honorable Sylvester F. Alonz, former Senator from the State of Koror, was called to eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alonz began his career as a public servant in 1958 as Assistant Clerk of Courts for the Palau District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alonz in 1966 became Secretary of the then Palau District Legislature until 1980 when he served as Administrative Assistant to the Legislative Counsel of the Seventh Palau Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in 1979 Mr. Alonz became Assistant Clerk of the First Constitutional Convention in Palau and in 1981 he became Clerk of the Senate of the First Olbiil Era Kelulau; and

WHEREAS, in 1982 Mr. Alonz was elected to the Second Constitutional Convention of the State of Koror where he served as President of the Convention; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alonz in 1986 became Executive Director of the Senate Legal Counsel Office of the Second Olbiil Era Kelulau; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alonz in 1992 was appointed again as Senate Clerk and later in the same year, he was elected to the Fourth Olbiil Era Kelulau and served as Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Infrastructure Development and State Relations, and as a member of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alonz, at the time of his passing, was survived by his wife Antonia, his six daughters and two sons, among other relatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the 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 Sylvester F. Alonz 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 the embassy and consulates of Palau in other countries, shall be hoisted at half-mast for a period of five (5) days commencing on May 19 and ending on May 23, 1997.

SO PROCLAIMED this 19th day of May, 1997 at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau