

Presidential Proclamation No. 02-17

Regarding the Death of the Late Remark Timothy Siou Olkeriil

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2002 at 3:30 p.m., after a lifetime of public service and commitment to the people of Palau, the late Remark Timothy Siou Olkeriil was called to eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Remark Timothy Siou Olkeriil was born on April 25, 1940, in Aimeliik State, Republic of Palau, to Irisong Udui and Ikeda Metilab, and was adopted at early age to Aaron Olkeriil and Ngkud Olkeriil; and

WHEREAS, the late Remark Timothy Siou Olkeriil attended the Aimeilik Elementary School but moved on to attend Angaur Elementary School where he finished his early elementary education; and

WHEREAS, the late Remark Timothy Siou Olkeriil continued his education by attending Emmaus Intermediate School, then George Washington High School in Guam; and

WHEREAS, in 1965 and still at young age, the late Remark Timothy Siou Olkeriil graduated from the University of Hawaii and returned to the then Trust Territory Headquarter in Saipan, Mariana Island and worked as an assistant finance officer from 1965 to 1967; and

WHEREAS, from 1967 to 1970, the late Remark Timothy Siou Olkeriil worked as the District Finance Officer for the Government of Palau while at the same time, a member of the Fifth Palau Legislature representing then Koror Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the late Remark Timothy Siou Olkeriil was elected in 1970 to the Congress of Micronesia and served with dignity and honor until 1974; and

WHEREAS, from 1976 until his retirement in 1998, the late Remark Timothy Siou Olkeriil served as Area Office Supervisor for the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Development program where he helped senior citizens and those in need to secure loan or grant for their housing; and

WHEREAS, the late Remark Timothy Siou Olkeriil also served as President of OISCA, President of Emmaus-Bethania Alumni Association, board member of Palau Community Action Agency, Palau National Communication Commission, and Chamber of Commerce, among others; and

WHEREAS, the late Remark Timothy Siou Olkeriil served as a Delegate to the Aimeliik Constitutional Convention in October 1982 as one of the traditional chiefs; and

WHEREAS, the late Remark Timothy Siou Olkeriil is survived by his wife, Theresia Salvador Olkeriil; children-Edsel N. Olkeriil, Carlton N. Olkeriil, Danikan N. Olkeriil, Jeremy N.

Olkeriil, Rosalita Kesoal, and DeAnne M. Olkeriil and many relatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Palau and by the provisions 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 as a tribute to the late Remark Timothy Siou Olkeriil 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 the national flags of the Republic of Palau flown at liaison offices of Palau in other jurisdictions, shall be flown at half-mast for a period of five (5) days commencing on February 5, 2002, and ending on February 9, 2002.

SO PROCLAIMED this 5th day of February 2002, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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