

Presidential Proclamation No. 02-30

Regarding the Death of the Late Ngirkungiil Moses Mokoll

WHEREAS, on Sunday, 1 December 2002, at approximately 6:30 p.m., Palau time, after a lifetime of public service and commitment to the people of the Republic of Palau, Ngirkungiil Moses Mekoll was called to his eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngirkungiil Moses Mokoll was born on 28 May 1930 in what is now Ngchesar State; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngirkungiil Moses Mokoll attended and graduated from the Japanese Grade School in Melekeok and Koror in 1942; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngirkungiil Moses Mokoll attended a program conducted by the U.S. Navy, where he learned English. He earned his teacher training certificate in 1947, and continued to earn his high school diploma at the Pacific Islands Central School in Truk (FSM) in 1952 after which he began his career in education as a teacher in Ngaremlengui Elementary School at the age of 17; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngirkungiil Moses Mokoll continued his long and distinguished public service career as Congressman in the Palau District Legislature representing Koror, as Councilman for Idid hamlet in Koror, member of the famous Progressive Party, as a Trial Assistant, Court Assessor, and part-time Land Claims Hearing Officer and Special Master; and

WHEREAS, in March 1989, the late Ngirkungiil Moses Mokoll was appointed by the late President Ngiratkel Etpison as the Senior Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, a position he held until his retirement on 23 July 2002; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngirkungiil Moses Mokoll has been recognized as one of Palau's expert in Palauan custom, tradition, language and culture, and as such has been a staff historian at the Division of Cultural Affairs, a position he has held since 1979 and at the same time held the traditional titles of Ngirkungiil of Melekeok State, Ngiraulau of Elechui of Aimeliik State, and Ongelolem of Ngaremlengui State; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngirkungiil Moses Mokoll is survived by his wife Dirrachur Madalarak; sons- Aquino, Quirino, Ngirachisau and Westerson; daughters- Safaia and Nasrin Noel; and numerous grandchildren;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, and by the provision 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 national mourning shall be observed throughout the Republic as a tribute to the late Ngirkungiil Moses Mokoll 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 of Palau flown at Embassies and Consulate offices of Palau in other countries, shall be flown at half-mast for a period of five (5) days, commencing on 3 December 2002 and ending on 9 December 2002.

SO PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of December 2002, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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