

Presidential Proclamation No. 02-32

Regarding Death of Late Ngirakebou Eusebio Rechucher

WHEREAS, on Saturday, 14 December 2002, at approximately 3:00 a.m., Palau time, after a long illness, Ngirakebou Eusebio Rechucher was called to his eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngirakebou Eusebio Rechucher was born on 9 September 1932; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngirakebou Eusebio Rechucher attended and completed his early education in Melekeok Elementary School and went on to attend Mindszenty High School in Palau, Xavier High School in Chuuk, FSM, and finally graduated from George Washington High School in Guam; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, the late Ngirakebou Eusebio Rechucher earned his Bachelor in Science degree in Business Administration from Blackhills State College in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, from 1961 to 1962, the late Ngirakebou Eusebio Rechucher began his employment with the Bank of America in Los Angeles, California.

WHEREAS, from 1962 to 1978, the late Ngirakebou Eusebio Rechucher worked for the Trust Territory Government Headquarters in Saipan in various positions starting as Assistant Economic Development Officer, Acting Economic Development Officer, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Resources and Development Department, and finally as Director of the Department of Resources and Development; and

WHEREAS, in late 1978, the late Ngirakebou Eusebio Rechucher retired from government service and began his family business in Saipan and later expanded to Palau; and

WHEREAS, from 1979 until his death, the late Ngirakebou Eusebio Rechucher commuted between Palau and Saipan attending to his family businesses; and

WHEREAS, since 1986, the late Ngirakebou Eusebio Rechucher served both as President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Western Caroline Trading Company (WCTC), a position he held until his death; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngirakebou Eusebio Rechucher held the traditional title of Ngirakebou, the highest traditional title in Ngchesar State; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngirakebou Eusebio Rechucher is survived by his wife Dirrakebou Martha E. Rechucher and children- George Rechucher, Stephanie Rechucher-Sablan, Wayman Erungel Rechucher and Hilde Rechucher, 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 Ngirakebou Eusebio Rechucher 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, excluding Saturday and Sunday, commencing on 18 December 2002 and ending on 24 December 2002.

SO PROCLAIMED this 17th day of December 2002, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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