

## PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 2-81

WHEREAS, the late Ucherbelau Joseph Kunibert was born and raised in Angaur, Republic of Palau. He attended pre-school during German administration and was appointed as a police officer during the Japanese time. In the early part of the United States administration, the late Ucherbelau Joseph Kunibert was elected magistrate in and for the municipality of Angaur, and subsequently became Ucherbelau; and

WHEREAS, the late Ucherbelau Joseph Kunibert served as a member of Rubekul Belau from 1961 up to and until the time of his death in that membership he served also as a member of the former Palau Legislature from 1961 to 1980. In his position as public servant he dispensed his services to the public through his wise counsel, good leadership and foresight as well as through his deep knowledge of the culture and traditions of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the late Ucherbelau Joseph Kunibert lived through and served the people of Palau under the administrations of Germany, Japan, and United States, he also contributed to and witnessed the creation, establishment, and installation of our constitutional government of the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, May 3, 1981, the late Ucherbelau Joseph Kunibert of Angaur passed away; and

WHEREAS, the friendship and good leadership of the late Ucherbelau Joseph Kunibert will be missed by the council of Chiefs of the Republic of Palau, all of the people of Palau, and the Office of the President, especially at this early state of our constitutional government where this giant of a man from "Edeyaur" would have contributed to the development of our newly born republic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haruo I. Remeliik, President of the Republic of Palau, by virtue of the power vested in me by Section 7, Article VIII, of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 7, 1981, as a day of mourning for the passing away of the late Chief Ucherbelau Joseph Kunibert;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the people of Palau be requested to recognize, respect and observe this day of mourning as a tribute to the late Chief Ucherbelau Joseph Kunibert;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that any and all flags flown within the territorial jurisdiction of the Republic of Palau be flown half-mast on this day as a recognition of this day of mourning.

SIGNED AND DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1981.

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Haruo I. Remeliik  
President of the Republic of Palau