

Presidential Proclamation No. 03-41

Regarding the Death of the Late Former Speaker of the 7th Palau Legislature Tosiwo Nakamura

WHEREAS, after a long illness, former Speaker of the 7th Palau Legislature Tosiwo Nakamura was called to his eternal rest at approximately 11:10 am on Saturday, August 9, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the late former Speaker Tosiwo Nakamura was born on January 23, 1938 to Mr. Zenhitsi Nakamura of Mie Prefecture, Japan and Aliil Betok of Peleliu; and

WHEREAS, the late former Speaker Tosiwo Nakamura attended Pacific Islands Central School in Chuuk before receiving his Bachelor Degree in General Science from the University of the Philippines and additional graduate work at the University of Hawaii and University of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, immediately after graduating from the University of Philippines with Bachelor Degree in General Science, he was employed with the Koror Elementary School as a teacher and later became the School Principal; and

WHEREAS, the late former Speaker Tosiwo Nakamura also served as Coordinator for Public Elementary School and later became the Superintendent for the Elementary Education; and

WHEREAS, the late former Speaker Tosiwo Nakamura represented the people of Palau in the 6th Palau Legislature where he served as Vice Chairman of the Committee of Health, Education and Welfare and Speaker of the 7th Palau Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the late former Speaker Tosiwo Nakamura served as State Administrator for the Koror State Government and continued to represent Palau as Chairman and Vice Chairman in various Committees under Micronesian Constitutional Convention and he also served as Chairman of the General Provision Committee of the Palau Constitutional Convention and Vice President of Peleliu State Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, the late former Speaker Tosiwo Nakamura served in various Boards and Commissions as follows: President of Palau Marine Institute, Chairman of Economic Development Loan Fund, Beverages Control Board, Palau Health Council, Micronesian Health Council, TT Educational Federal Program and National Development Bank, and served as a Vice-Chairman of the Super Port Commission and National Development Bank and a member of the Palau Status Commission as well as a founder and partner of many private corporations; and

WHEREAS, the late former Speaker Tosiwo Nakamura also hold the traditional title of Ngiragetpak of Ngetpak Clan in Peleliu; and

WHEREAS, the late Speaker Tosiwo Nakamura is survived by his wife Elizabeth Bai

Nakamura and five children: Margo Llecholch, Memo Kyota, Steven Nakamura, Imelda Franz, and Siegfried Nakamura; sisters: Ebil Sakuma, Hisae Kuniyoshi, and Keiko Bedor; brothers: Takataro, Hiroshi, former Senator Daiziro, former President Kuniwo Nakamura and adopted American brother, Stephen Murray; and five grandchildren: Adam, Kirk, Tasha, Justin and Tiffany; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews; and

WHEREAS, the late Speaker Tosiwo Nakamura was predeceased in death by his brothers: the late Chief Justice Mamoru Nakamura, Denziro, Daniel; sisters: Tomie and Kimiyo Nakamura,

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, and by provision of 1 PNC 503(c) and 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 Speaker Tosiwo Nakamura and that to properly observe the occasion of the loss of this distinguished public servant, all flags of the Republic of Palau regularly flown within the jurisdiction of Palau, and Palau national flags 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 the 13th of August 2003, and including the occasion of the funeral on 23rd of August, 2003.

SO PROCLAIMED this 13th day of August 2003, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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