

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NUMBER 04-97

Regarding the Death of the Late Ngiratkel Etpison

WHEREAS, on August 1, 1997, at 4:54 p.m., Palau time, after a lifetime of public service and commitment to the people of the Republic of Palau, Mr. Ngiratkel Etpison was called to eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Ngiratkel Etpison was born on May 3, 1925, in the State of Ngatpang, Republic of Palau, and attended the Japanese School in Palau; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Etpison devoted himself to a life of public service at the state and national levels and in the Executive and Legislative Branches in the Republic; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Etpison served with distinction as Ngatpang State's Governor from 1981 until 1988; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Etpison served with distinction as a member and as the Chairman of the Governors Association of Palau from 1981 until 1988; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Etpison served with distinction as the traditional High Chief of Ngatpang State from 1982 until his death; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Etpison served with distinction as a member and as the Co-Chairman of the Council of Chiefs from 1982 until 1988; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Etpison served with distinction as a Legislator during the U.S. Trust Territory administration of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Etpison served with distinction as President of the Republic of Palau from 1989 until 1993; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Etpison served with distinction as a member and as the Chairman of Board of the Seventh Day Adventist Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Etpison served with distinction as a Special Envoy on economic matters to the President of the Republic of Palau from 1996 until his death; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Etpison is survived by his wife of forty-two years Yuang Chin; mother-Ms. Kekereildil Techong; children-Naemi Etpison Yobech, Eva Maria Etpison Wong, Manase Etpison, Rosemary Etpison Ngiratreged, Ilebrang Etpison Stock, Shallum Etpison, Kezia Etpison Nicolescu, Jemima Etpison Finnegan, Karen Etpison Maidesil, Brenda Etpison and Tafok Etpison; brothers Yukiwo Etpison and Abina Etpison; sisters-Hinako Takeo and Kerengel Tesei; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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, Kuniwo Nakamura, 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 Ngiratkel Etpison 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 flown at liaison offices of Palau in other countries, shall be flown at halfmast for a period of fifteen (15) days commencing on August 3, 1997, and ending on August 18, 1997. SO PROCLAIMED this third day of August 1997, at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau