

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 04-99

Regarding the Death of the Late Senate President Isidoro Rudimch

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1999 at 07:55 a.m., after a lifetime of public service and commitment to the people of the Republic of Palau, the Honorable Senate President Isidoro Rudimch was called to his eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Isidoro Rudimch was born. on April 04, 1939 in Koror State, Republic of Palau and attended Koror Elementary School and Mindszenty High School in Koror and continued his high school education at St. Joseph High School in Hilo, Hawaii, after which he studied at Chaminade College, now Chaminade University, in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the late Isidoro Rudimch was elected to the Sixth and Seventh Congress of Micronesia where he served on the Joint Committees on Future Political Status and Administrative Appointments; and

WHEREAS, the late Isidoro Rudimch also, while still in Congress of Micronesia, served as a vice Chairman of the House Committee on Resources and Development; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, after Palau separated itself from status negotiation with other Micronesian nations, the late Isidoro Rudimch joined the Sixth Palau Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the late Isidoro Rudimch was elected in 1984 to the Second Olbiil Era Kelulau and served as the President of the Senate until 1986; and

WHEREAS, the late Isidoro Rudimch was re-elected in 1988 to the Third Olbiil Era Kelulau and served as Vice President of the Senate and later as President. He was re-elected in 1992 to the Fourth Olbiil Era Kelulau and served as a member of the Senate Committees on Judiciary and Governmental Affairs, Tourism and Development, Education and Youth Affairs, and CIP and Land Matters; and

WHEREAS, in November 1996, the late Isidoro Rudimch was again re-elected to the Fifth Olbiil Era Kelulau and was still serving as President of the Senate when called to his eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Isidoro Rudimch served as the Chairman of the First Koror State Constitutional Drafting Commission that wrote the first provisional constitution of the State of Koror; and

WHEREAS, the late Isidoro Rudimch served in many civic organizations, having been President of Marris Stella Elementary School Parents/Teachers Association; Vice President of Palau Chamber of Commerce; Vice President of Continental Air Micronesia, Inc.; Vice President of United Micronesia Development Association (UMDA); and President of Palau Shipping Company; and

WHEREAS, the late Isidoro Rudimch was one of the few successful businessmen in Palau having owned Koror Wholesalers, Sure Save Mart, K-R Shopping Center, K-R Hardware, and K-R FM 88.9 Radio Station; and

WHEREAS, the late Isidoro Rudimch was a respected member of the community and active member of his church as well as a good father; and

WHEREAS, the late Isidoro Rudimch is survived by his wife-Yasko Kishigawa Rudimch; children - Shirley, Ivan, Dean, Mark, Eunice, Eyos, Evelyn, Sean Lee; six grandchildren; sisters- Eriko R. Singeo, Miriam R. Chin, Dirrawudes Magdalena R. Ngirmang; mother- Kukumai Rudimch,; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau and by the provisions of 1 PNC 503(c) and of Executive Order No. 24, as amended, 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 Isidoro Rudimch and that to properly observe the occasion of the death of this very distinguished public servant, all flags regularly flown within the jurisdiction of Palau, and the national flags of the Republic of Palau flown at embassies, consulates and offices of Palau in other countries, shall be flown at half-mast for a period of ten (10) days commencing on August 31, 1999, and ending on September 9, 1999.

SO PROCLAIMED this thirty-first day of August 1999, at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/
for Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau