

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 05-55

Declaring April 8, 2005 as a national day of mourning the death of Pope John Paul II

WHEREAS, Pope John Paul II, who served many years as an international spiritual leader, and who was an unparalleled humanitarian, died on April 2, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Pope John Paul II inspired many through his spiritual leadership, his relentless quest for peace in the world, and his fearless assertion of his true beliefs, whether popular or not; and

WHEREAS, Pope John Paul II was the first Slavic pope ever, and the first non-Italian pope in over four-hundred years, paving the way for future leaders from afar; and

WHEREAS, Pope John Paul II's devotion to his followers was a shining example to the world; and

WHEREAS, Pope John Paul II was a compassionate and exceptional leader; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Republic of Palau will mourn the passing of this great man;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, and by virtue of the provisions of Executive Order No. 24, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, hereby proclaim that on April 8, 2005, a state of national mourning will exist throughout the Republic as a tribute to Pope John Paul II. In addition, as a showing of our respect, all flags regularly flown within the jurisdiction of Palau and flags of the Republic of Palau flown at the embassies and consulates of Palau in other countries shall be hoisted at half mast for a period of five days, commencing April 4, 2005.

SO PROCLAIMED this 4th day of April, 2005, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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