

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 05-59

*Honoring the Late Robert Tochi and
Directing that Flags Shall Be Flown at Half Staff in his Memory*

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2005, Mr. Robert Tochi was called to his eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Tochi was born on May 14, 1937; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Tochi attended school in Ngaraard State, Koror State, and Guam and returned to Palau to pursue a career as a teacher at the Ngaraard Elementary School, and later as an Inservice Teacher to provide Training in English as a Second Language; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Tochi will be missed by his wife, Annemary Mitsko Ringang Tochi, and his ten children -- Larry Tochi, Mary Tochi Dearth, Rozella Tochi Idip, Lora Tochi Takeo, Duane Tochi, Bellarmino Tochi, Kimiyo Tochi Babauta, Juliet Tochi Merur, Aeneas Tochi and Corring Tochi Dizon -- as well as his eighteen grandchildren and many other friends and relatives; and

WHEREAS, starting in 1970 until his retirement in May 1997, Mr. Robert Tochi served as Vice Principal, Acting Principal and Principal of the Ngaraard Elementary School, where he also taught from 1970 through 1982; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Tochi attended numerous workshops and training programs to continue to upgrade his skills; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Tochi also served as a Member of the Fifth Palau District Legislature from 1971 through 1975; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Tochi served as a Member of the Ngaraad State Constitutional Convention in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Tochi was a Member of the Second Olbetibel Era Ngaraard from 1986 until 1989.

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 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 May 31, 2005.

SO PROCLAIMED this 27th day of May 2005.

/s/

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