

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 05-98

Regarding the death of the late Recheyungel Benjamin Ngiraingas Oiterong

WHEREAS, on Monday, 27 July 1998, at approximately 10:50 a.m., Palau time, after a long illness, Recheyungel Benjamin Ngiraingas Oiterong was called to his eternal rest; and Whereas, the late Recheyungel Benjamin Ngiraingas Oiterong was born on 16 July 1916 in Aimeliik State, Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the Recheyungel Benjamin Ngiraingas Oiterong attended the Japanese school in Koror during the Japanese administration, and in 1958 attended the prosecutor's school in Koloma, Pohnpei State in the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, from 1961- 1962, the late Recheyungel Benjamin Ngiramgas Oiterong attended the Delinquency Control Institute, University of Southern California under a United Nations Fellowship Scholarship program, where he was elected by his classmates as Sergeant-at-arms of their class; and

WHEREAS, from 1931 to 1974 the late Recheyungel Benjamin Ngiraingas Oiterong worked as a priest helper for the Catholic Mission, general laborer for Sensyung Radio Station under the Japanese administration, police officer under Ziun-Kei under the Japanese administration, fire marshal/administrative assistant at the Palau Insular Constabulary, technical advisor to the District Administrator, police sergeant at the Palau Police Department, deputy sheriff, district prosecutor/probation officer at the Palau Judiciary, and Associate Judge of Palau District and Special Judge of the High Court of the Trust Territory Government, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the late Recheyungel Benjamin Ngiraingas Oiterong also served as a member of the Palau District Bar Association, Palau District Liquor Control Board, and the Koror Municipal Public Funds Authority; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his dedicated services to the people of the former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in the cause of justice and promotion of the rule of law, the late Recheyungel Benjamin Ngiraingas Oiterong received the Attorney General's Award of the Year in 1964; and

WHEREAS, the late Recheyungel Benjamin Ngiraingas Oiterong held various traditional titles including, Recheyungel of Ngermid hamlet, Mial of Ngerkesoaol, Koror State, and Melachelbelau of Ngchemiangel, Aimehik State; and

WHEREAS, the late Recheyungel Benjamin Ngiraingas Oiterong is survived by his wife Mrs. Ibau Josepha Demei Oiterong, his 12 children, 29 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the constitution and

laws of the Republic of Palau 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 Recheyungel Benjamin Ngiraingas Oiterong 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 Embassy and Consular offices of Palau in other countries, shall be flown at half-mast for a period of 5 days, commencing August 10, 1998 and ending on Friday, August 14, 1998.

SO PROCLAIMED this 10th of August 1998 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau