

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 06-71

To provide for a period of mourning for the late Katsutoshi Becheserrak.

WHEREAS, Katsutoshi Becheserrak served as a teacher at Palau High School, and has been an integral part of the development of education in Palau; and

WHEREAS, Katsutoshi Becheserrak also served as a member of the Koror State Legislature, and was the Speaker of the First Koror State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, during his political service in representing the interests of the people of Koror, Katsutoshi Becheserrak was instrumental in bringing about changes in the Koror State Constitution, which led to amendments to the Koror State Constitution in 1997; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Katsutoshi Becheserrak was the Chairman of the Political Education Committee to educate the public about proposed amendments to the Koror State Constitution to be voted upon in the Koror State general election of 2005; and

WHEREAS, the efforts and influence of Katsutoshi Becheserrak has shaped the form and structure of the Koror State Constitution and the Koror State Government; and

WHEREAS, Katsutoshi Becheserrak dedicated significant amounts of his personal time and efforts to guarantee the rights of the people to participate in choosing their form of constitutional government, and in participating in the government established by the will of the people; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Katsutoshi Becheserrak in promoting democracy and the welfare and interests of the people of Koror deserves to be recognized and honored posthumously; and

WHEREAS, Katsutoshi Becheserrak served as a traditional leader, Techedib, in Ngetkib, Airai for several years; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 24 in Part 2.1 (d) specifies that upon the death of a high ranking chief or speaker of a state legislature, the flag of the Republic of Palau shall be displayed at half-mast for the uniform observance of respect by all ministries, departments and agencies of the Republic of Palau;

WHEREAS, Katsutoshi Becheserrak untimely passed away on August 3, 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that there shall be an official period of mourning for the late Katsutoshi Becheserrak which shall continue from this date for a period of five days; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Republic of Palau flags shall be flown at “half-

