

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 06-94

Regarding Untimely Death of Late Rebes Alfonso R. Oiterong

WHEREAS, on August 30, 1994, after a lifetime of public service and commitment to the people of Palau, Mr. Alfonso R. Oiterong was called to his eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Alfonso R. Oiterong was born on October 9, 1924 in the State of Aimeliik and attended Japanese School in Palau, Vocational School in Japan, and received a Bachelor of Education from the College of Guam in 1964 and a Master of Education from the University of Guam in 1969.

WHEREAS, Mr. Oiterong worked for the Department of Education in Palau under the Naval Administration and then under the Trust Territory Government and worked from 1962 to 1966 as Student Coordinator assisting students going to Guam from Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oiterong was a member of Palau Congress and the Koror Municipal Council in 1960-62, was elected to the 7th Palau Legislature representing the State of Aimeliik and thereafter was elected to the first Palau Constitutional Convention from the State of Aimeliik to draft the Palau Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 Mr. Oiterong was elected to serve as Palau's first constitutional Vice President, and appointed Minister of State, under the Palau's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Alfonso R. Oiterong became President of the Republic of Palau through succession upon the death of President Remeliik on June 30, 1985 until the election of President Salii on August 28, 1985; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Alfonso R. Oiterong also served in numerous boards and commissions the last being as Chairman of the 1994 Constitutional Day Committee; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Oiterong served as President of the Palau National Development Bank from 1989 until his untimely death thereby continuing his service to the people of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Oiterong is survived by his children--Elma Oiterong, Grace Oiterong, Nicholasa Oiterong, Fuana Oiterong, Melvin Oiterong; grandchildren--Etor Oiterong, Ashley Oiterong, Bloyang Oiterong, Bertha Oiterong, Dilngas Oiterong, Mekirong Oiterong; brothers--Benjamin N. Oiterong, Bloyang Oiterong; sisters--Etor O. Ngirchomtilou, Berenges O. Otobed, Yosko O. Ngiratumerang, Susanna O. Kumangai; and several nieces and nephews.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic and 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 exists throughout the Republic of Palau as a tribute to the late Alfonso R. 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 liaison offices of Palau in other countries, shall be hoisted at half-mast for a period of fifteen (15) days commencing on August 31, 1994 and ending on September 14, 1994.

SO PROCLAIMED this 31st day of August 1994 at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau