

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 06-95

Regarding untimely Death of the Honorable Humio T. Kebekol

WHEREAS, on June 24, 1995, the late Honorable Humio T. Kebekol was called to eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Humio T. Kebekol was born on April 17, 1937 in the State of Peleliu and attended Peleliu Elementary School, Palau Intermediate School, Seventh-Day Adventist Mission Academy in Guam, former College of Guam, and completed United States International University courses where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kebekol began his career in 1962 at the then Palau District Government Finance Department under the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and, because of his interest with children's education, moved in 1969 to the Department of Education as Classroom Teacher at Koror Elementary School, Harris Elementary School, and Meyuns Elementary School until 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kebekol was elected in November 1992, representing the State of Peleliu, to the House of Delegates of the Fourth Olbiil Era Kelulau where he was the Chairman of the Committee on Tourism; Vice Chairman of the Committee on Resources & Development; Member of the Committee on Education, Committee on Youth & Cultural Affairs, Committee on Health & Social Services, Committee on Capital Improvement Project, and Maritime and Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kebekol, with his motto "to serve is to sacrifice individual interest", also served in many organizations in the community, including the 50th War Anniversary Organizing Committee to commemorate the liberation of Palau and Peleliu by the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II in the Pacific, and also in the church of Seventh-Day Adventist; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Kebekol is survived by his wife, Maria Tamako, and their eight children and grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau 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 Humio T. Kebekol 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 Palau Embassies and Consulates in other countries, shall be hoisted at half-mast for a period of five (5) days commencing on June 26, 1995 and ending on June 30, 1995.

SO PROCLAIMED this 26th day of June 1995 at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau