

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NUMBER 06-97

Regarding the Death of the Late Anthony H. Polloi

WHEREAS, on Friday, 19 December 1997, at 1:00 p. m. , Palau time, after a lifetime of public service and commitment to the people of the Republic of Palau, Mr. Anthony H. Polloi, M.O., was called to eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Anthony H. Polloi, was born on 25 December 1936 in the State of Airai, Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Polloi graduated from Xavier High School in Moen, Chuuk in 1956; and got a Diploma in Medicine at Fiji School of Medicine in 1964; studied at University of Miami, Florida, in the field of General Medicine from 1967-68; was on a Fellowship in Pediatrics for six (6) months in 1975 at Otago University in Wellington, New Zealand; received a Certificate on Psychiatric Training from June to December 1979 at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa; awarded a Certificate for training at National Tuberculosis Research Institute, Tokyo, Japan, from June - October 1982; and was given a Certificate in Public Health in August 1993 by the Pacific Outreach Certificate Program in Public Health, Pohnpei; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Polloi was a member of the Future Political Status and Transition under the former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Polloi was elected as a Legislator-At-Large for the Sixth (6th) Palau Legislature for a term from 1975-79, and was Acting Speaker in May 1979 during the absence of the Speaker and the Vice Speaker; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Polloi served as a Chairman of the Midzenty High School PTA in 1984, and also served as Chief of the Division of Public Health, Ministry of Health from 1993-95, and served as a Chairman of Palau Aids Committee in 1990, and as a member of the Palau Aids Committee from 1991 until his death, and served from 1990 until his death as a Chairman of the Medical Licensure Board; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Polloi became the Director of the Bureau of Public Health from 1993 until his death, and in 1987 until his death, Mr. Polloi served with distinction as a Chief Ngirakebou of Ngchesar State, an automatic member of the Ngchesar State Legislature, and as a member of Council of Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Polloi attended numerous medical and health workshops and seminars on various subjects during his time as a Medical Officer; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Polloi co-authored and co-produced, with distinction, five publications as follows: Health and Lifestyle of Longevous Palauans; Implications for Development Theory, 1984; Measles and Measles Vaccine Efficacy in a Remote Island

Population, 1982; Culture, Youth and Suicide in the Pacific: Papers from an East-West Center Conference, 1985; Measles Vaccine Effectiveness and Duration of Vaccine-Induced Immunity in the Absence of Boosting from Exposure to Measles Virus, 1996; and Perceptions of the Social, Cultural, and Psychological Well Being in Palau, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Polloi is survived by his wife of twenty-four years, Joanna Masae Gulibert-Polloi; twelve (12) children; brothers--Ubal Tellei, Kalistus Polloi and Isidoro Polloi; sisters--Adelina Rechesengel and Benita Merur; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the 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 shall be observed throughout the Republic as a tribute to the late Ngirakebou Anthony H. Polloi 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 flown at half-mast for a period commencing on 23 December 1997, and ending one day after his burial.

SO PROCLAIMED this 22nd day of December 1997, at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau