

## **PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 07-78**

*Honoring the Late Senate President Johnny Reklai and  
Directing that Flags Shall Be Flown at Half Staff in his Memory*

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2007, Senate President Johnny Reklai was called to his eternal rest as a result of a tragic accident; and

WHEREAS, Senate President Johnny Reklai was born on July 1, 1948 to the late Reklai Baul of the State of Ngarchelong and Remurang Reklai of the State of Ngaraard; and

WHEREAS, Senate President Johnny Reklai had a long and successful professional and political career, starting with his selection as a member of the First Constitutional Convention of the Republic of Palau in 1980, representing the State of Ngarchelong, and subsequently serving in the First, Second and Third Olbiil Era Kelulau as representative of the State of Ngarchelong; and

WHEREAS, Senate President Johnny Reklai was elected to his first term as a Senator in the Fourth Olbiil Era Kelulau, where he chaired the Committee on Resources and Development, and he was re-elected for his second term to the Fifth Olbiil Era Kelulau, where he chaired the Senate Committee on Ways & Means and served in various standing committees; and

WHEREAS, Senate President Johnny Reklai again was elected to the Sixth Olbiil Era Kelulau, and chaired the Committee on Ways & Means and Financial Matters and served on the Committees on the Judiciary and Governmental Affairs, Foreign Affairs and State Relations, Tourism Development and Cultural Affairs, Resources, Commerce, Trade and Development, and Health and Education; and

WHEREAS, Senate President Johnny Reklai was selected to be President of the Senate of the Seventh Olbiil Era Kelulau on May 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, he was also a successful private businessman, owning and operating various business ventures, ranging from Palau Shipping, to finance, to tourism related concerns, and he was a shareholder and member of the Board of Directors of Western Caroline Trading Company, United Micronesia Development Association and a member of the Palau Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Senate President Johnny Reklai will be missed by his wife, Loretta Wong Reklai, his children, his family, his many relatives and close friends, and the people of the Republic of Palau;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, and by virtue of the provisions of Executive Order No. 24, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, hereby proclaim, that as a showing of our respect, all flags regularly flown within the jurisdiction of Palau and flags of the

Republic of Palau flown at the embassies and consulates of Palau in other countries shall be hoisted at half mast for a period of 10 days, commencing March 13, 2007, or until after the funeral, whichever is later.

SO PROCLAIMED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

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Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.  
President of the Republic of Palau