

## **PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 08-82**

WHEREAS, the late Reklai Lomisang was born in Melekeok State on January 30, 1901. He was raised in Melekeok; and

WHEREAS, the late Reklai Lomisang attended German Catholic Mission School from 1912 through 1914. Thereafter, he attended Japanese school from 1914 through 1919, and from 1920 through 1933; and

WHEREAS, the late Reklai Lomisang worked as a member of the Japanese constabulary. He was employed by the Japanese bauxite mining company as a foremen for bauxite mining operation in Ngardmau State in 1934 to 1944. His intelligence, courage and hard work earned him a fame of recognized social status and outstanding leader. He represented the then Reklai in many meetings and negotiations with Japanese and the United States leaders in Palau on important matters effecting the life and well-being of the people of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the late Reklai Lomisang was one of the first Palauans to work for the United States military after World War II. He thereafter helped organize and became a member and co-chairman of the first Palau Congress from 1947 to 1951; and

WHEREAS, the late Lomisang became Reklai in 1968. He helped getting the House of Chiefs in the Palau Legislature organized in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the late Reklai Lomisang lived through and served the people of Palau under the administration of Germany, Japan and the United States, he also contributed a great deal to the creation, establishment, installation of our constitutional government of the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, April 13, 1982, the late Reklai Lomisang of Melekeok State passed away; and

WHEREAS, the friendship and good leadership of the late Reklai Lomisang will be missed by the council of chiefs and the office of the President of the Republic of Palau, as well as the government and the people of the Republic, especially at this early state of our constitutional government where this man of high wisdom should contribute to further development of our newly born Republic; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Haruo I. Remeliik, the President of the Republic of Palau, by virtue of the power vested in me by Section 7, of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 14, 1982, as a day of mourning for the passing away of the late Paramount Chief Reklai Lomisang;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the people of Palau be requested to recognize, respect and observe this day of mourning as a tribute to the late Reklai Lomisang;

