

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 09-05
Regarding the Death of the Late Ebilreklai Kimiko Renguul

WHEREAS, Kimiko Renguul was born into Udes Clan, the first ranking traditional clan of Melekeok State, on September 25, 1916 in what is now Ngiwal State;

WHEREAS, in 2001 Kimiko Renguul was bestowed the eminent female traditional title of *Ebilreklai*, the female counterpart of Paramount High Chief Reklai, and held that title until July 4, 2009 when she was called to eternal rest by Almighty God at the ripe old age of 96 years;

WHEREAS, the late Ebilreklai Kimiko Renguul was attentive and dedicated not only to the traditional responsibilities and affairs of Udes Clan, but also to the customary affairs of both Melekeok and Ngiwal States;

WHEREAS, the late Ebilreklai Kimiko Renguul was married to the-late Renguul Mechebechall and is survived by her children, namely: Mary, Augusto, Pasquana, and Celestino and numerous grandchildren and relatives.

WHEREAS, the traditional leadership role of the late Ebilreklai Kimiko Renguul will be missed by her people in Melekeok State, and the people of Palau as well;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, the provision of 1 PNC 503(c) and of Executive Order No. 24, 1, I, JOHNSON TORIBIONG, President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby proclaim that a state of national mourning shall be observed throughout the Republic of Palau as a tribute to the late Ebilreklai Kimiko Renguul and that to properly observe the occasion of the death of this distinguished traditional leader, all flags regularly flown within the jurisdiction of the Republic of Palau, and the national flag of the Republic of Palau flown at the Embassies and liaison offices of Palau in other countries, shall be flown at half-mast for a period of five (5) days commencing on July 11 and ending on July 16, 2009.

SO PROCLAIMED this 10th day of July, 2009 at Ngerulmud, Melekeok State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Johnson Toribiong
President
Republic of Palau