

President's Proclamation No. 10 - 14

Honoring the Late Madraidub Saito "Solars" Baudong and Directing that Flags Be Flown at Half Mast in his Memory.

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2010, at the age of 88 years, Madraidub Saito Baudong was called to his eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, Madraidub Saito Baudong was born in 1922 to Dermang Ungiil Ngirakebeas and Mibuk Baudong Ngiruosch; and

WHEREAS, Madraidub Saito Baudong received his education in the Japanese School system during the Japanese era and, after World War II, during the United States Administration of Palau; and

WHEREAS, during his lifetime Madraidub Saito Baudong was a farmer, fisherman, and contractor, as well as a community and traditional leader in Ngchesar; and

WHEREAS, Madraidub Saito Baudong was a Palauan political leader who served five terms representing Ngchesar State in the Palau Congress and Palau District Legislature from the 1950's to the 1980's, and was a leader of the Liberal party in Ngchesar; and

WHEREAS, the late Madraidub Saito Baudong was a political mentor of many of our current leaders; and

WHEREAS, Madraidub Saito Baudong was known for his oratory and political skills and his ability to influence political events in an effective matter; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his passing Madraidub Saito Baudong bore the traditional title of Rekeriang of Imeong clan of Ngersuul and Madraidub of Ngerbis clan of Ngchesar; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death Madraidub Saito Baudong was survived by his wife, Tngesik Risong Tanaka Saito; and

twelve of his fourteen children: Herman Francisco, Misech Saito, Deborah S. Isaac, Hilde Saito, Inglord S. Melaitau, Ituong Saito, Skesuk Saito, Isebong Polind Saito, Eminda Saito, Lawrence Saito, Daniel Saito and Paulis Saito and by thirty-three grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Madraidub Saito Baudong was predeceased by his eight siblings: Orrukem, Ngeiaol, Elbelau, Ituong, Erulei, Ngirmechesengel, Dirrucheraol, and Umai; and by two of his children, Elia Saito, and Inos Saito; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Madraidub Saito Baudong is a great loss to his family, his relatives, his friends, his clan, the State of Ngchesar, and to 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 I, Johnson Toribiong, President of the Republic of Palau, hereby proclaim that as a display of the respect his country and his fellow citizens had for the late Madraidub Saito Baudong, all flags regularly flown within the jurisdiction of Palau, and all 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 five days, commencing Monday, January 18, 2010.

SO PROCLAIMED this 15th day of January, 2010, at the Capital, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Johnson Toribiong
President
Republic of Palau