

Presidential Proclamation No. 10-16
*Honoring the late Nicholas “Nico” Rechebei and
Directing that Flags Be Flown at Half-Mast in his Memory.*

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2010, at the age of 59 years, Nicholas “Nico” Rechebei was called to his eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas “Nico” Rechebei was born on November 23, 1950 to Idelbong Itpick and Dilubch Rechebei; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas “Nico” Rechebei attended Maris Stella Elementary School before graduating from Mindzenty High School; and in the pursuit of higher education, Nicholas “Nico” Rechebei graduated from the University of Guam with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in General Social Science; and

WHEREAS, after returning to Palau, Nicholas “Nico” Rechebei was employed as the Director of the Palau Shelter Care Program for juveniles prior to serving for several years as the Clerk of Courts for the Republic of Palau, a position he held until his election to the Senate of the Second Olbiil Era Kelulau in 1984, representing the Second Senatorial District, which included the hamlets of Ngermid, Ngerkesoal, Ngerchemai, and Iyebukel of Koror State; and

WHEREAS, during his term in the Senate of the Second Olbiil Era Kelulau, Nicholas “Nico” Rechebei served as a member of the Senate Committees on Judiciary and Governmental Affairs; Health, Education and Welfare; and Foreign Affairs; and

WHEREAS, from 1998 to 2006, Nicholas “Nico” Rechebei worked as the Director of State and Cultural Affairs of Koror State Government; and

WHEREAS, it was evident throughout his career that he was a dedicated public servant, committing his time and effort to the well-being of the public and the advancement and development of Palau, his home State of Koror, and his beloved Ngerchemai Hamlet; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his passing Nicholas “Nico” Rechebei bore the traditional title of Kemrekl of Terikai Clan of Ngeraus, Ngchesar State; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas “Nico” Rechebei was a proud family man who is survived by his mother, Dilubech Rechebei, and by his children: Leslie Gulibert, Rena Nicole Ngirailab, Everdil Cecilil Rechebei, Etetudil Tiffany Rechebei and Meyolt Nicholas; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Nicholas "Nico" Rechebei is a great loss to his family, his relatives, his friends, his clan, the people of the States of Koror and Ngchesar, and to the people of the Republic of Palau.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the 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 Nicholas "Nico" Rechebei, 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 March 12, 2010.

SO PROCLAIMED this 11th day of March 2010, at the Capitol, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Johnson Toribiong
President
Republic of Palau