

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 10-98

Regarding the Death of the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep

WHEREAS, the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep was born on January 25, 1927 at now the State of Ngaremlengui, to Merep Ngirasolang and Uodelchad Dirngitong, his natural father and mother respectively; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, October 29, 1998, at about 10:28 p.m., the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep was called unexpectedly to eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep devoted most of his time, in the early years of his life, working at various National Government posts, first, he ably served as Policeman under the American Navy Times and then he also worked with Sasao Olkeriil in the Land Commission; and

WHEREAS, the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep worked in numerous private business establishments as a Supervisor for NECO Smoked Tuna for export; Maintenance Foreman at NECO, Foreman at Tokyu Construction which built the Palau Pacific Resort; and other private employment; and

WHEREAS, the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep also served ably as a Councilman for the Ngaremlengui Municipality for thirteen (13) years, and also served as a Chairman of the Ngaremlengui Parents /Teachers Association (PTA) for several times; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Ngatpang State Resolution No. 01-88, the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep was appointed as a member of Ngatpang State Economic Development Committee, and has ably served in that position until his unexpected death; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 1990, the late Rekemesik Ngiratkel Etpison, being the President of the Republic of Palau, appointed the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep to act in his stead as "Rekemesik" and so the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep acted as Rekemesik until 1997; and

WHEREAS, during the time he served as Rekemesik, the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep held the title as a Governor, the official representative of the State of Ngatpang, and as the presiding officer of the Board of Executives which consists of the four (4) prominent ranking members of the Ngaimis; and

WHEREAS, during the time he served as Rekemesik on behalf of the late Rekemesik Ngiratkel Etpison and as the Governor of the State of Ngatpang, he was very successful in coordinating all the Ngatpang State's economic and infrastructure development; and

WHEREAS, the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep, like other members of the Ngaimis, traveled numerous times throughout the Pacific areas especially Japan establishing very strong ties with private investors with the State of Ngatpang; and

WHEREAS, the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep was not only a successful state leader, he was also a good family man and an active member of his various clans; and

WHEREAS, the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep held the title of "Iked" of the Uchelkeyukl Clan of Ngerbodel, a position he has held for many years; and

WHEREAS, the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep is survived by his wife of many years, Mrs. Misako Merep; children: sons -Larry, Anderson, and Joshua; daughters: Vivian, Sandy, Maria, Ruth, Evangeline, and Lynn; sister - Ebiltulik Yaisang Ngirchorachel; twenty (20) grandchildren and numerous relatives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Palau and by the provisions of 1 PNC 503(c) and of Executive Order No. 24, I, Kuniwo Nakamura, President of the Republic of Palau, hereby proclaim that a state of national mourning shall be observed throughout the Republic of Palau as a tribute to the late Iked Ngirboktreng Merep and that to properly observe the occasion of the death of this distinguished public servant, all flags regularly flown within the jurisdiction of the Republic of Palau, and the National Flag of the Republic of Palau flown at liaison offices of Palau in other countries, shall be flown at half-mast for a period of five (5) days commencing on November 4, 1998 and ending November 8, 1998.

SO PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of November 1998, at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau