

Presidential Proclamation No. 11-42

Honoring the late Former Senator John Sadao Tarkong and Directing that Flags Be Flown at Half-Mast in his Memory

WHEREAS, the late John Sadao Tarkong was born on October 16, 1938 in Choll, Ngaraard State to Tarkong Ebelbal and Yukei Blesam, and

WHEREAS, the late John Sadao Tarkong began his formal education in 1945 at Ngaraard Elementary School in Ulimang for 1 year then went to Koror Elementary School and later Emmaus Intermediate School where he graduated in 1954, and

WHEREAS, in 1954, John Sadao Tarkong left Palau to attend George Washington High School in Guam where he graduated in 1957. He then received a scholarship and went to Northland College in Wisconsin where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He later attended the University of New Mexico Law School and then moved to Columbus School of Law The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. where he obtained his Juris Degree in 1975, and

WHEREAS, while attending school in the United States of America, John Sadao Tarkong also worked at the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of the Territories in Washington D.C., as a Researcher and Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Territories including Guam, American Samoa and the Trust Territories. He was later admitted to the Washington D.C. Bar in 1975, and

WHEREAS, after graduating with his Juris Degree, John Sadao Tarkong moved to Saipan where he was employed as an Assistant Attorney General for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to which he was lauded by former Attorney General Daniel J. High, and

WHEREAS, the late John Sadao Tarkong also served as the Acting District Attorney of Chuuk District, Acting District Attorney of Pohnpei beginning from 1978 to 1979, and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the late John Sadao Tarkong served as one of the delegates for the First Constitutional Convention for the Republic of Palau, and

WHEREAS, the late John Sadao Tarkong was elected to serve as a Senator for the 1st Olbiil Era Kelulau from 1981 -- 1984 where he served as Chairman for the Joint US/UN Committee and Vice Chairman for JGA Committee, and

WHEREAS, the late John Sadao Tarkong is survived by his wife, Lucia Chokai, daughters: Janet Sibra, Janice Cooper, Jennifer Tarkong, Leleng Tarkong and Jenevi Akitaya; sons: John Tarkong, Jr., Jason Tarkong, Jarvin Tarkong, Chauncy Tarkong, Takami Tarkong, Mers Tarkong, Miked Tarkong, Alex Emesiochel, Jovan Akitaya, and

WHEREAS, the passing of late John Sadao Tarkong is a great loss to his family, his relatives, his friends, his clan, 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, and in accordance to Executive Order No. 24, 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 John Sadao Tarkong, 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 April 19th, 2011.

SO PROCLAIMED this 19th day of April 2011, at the National Capitol, Republic of Palau.

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Johnson Toribiong
President
Republic of Palau