

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 11-98

To Remember the Victims of the Paradise Air Crash

WHEREAS, on the morning of Tuesday, November 17, 1998, Paradise Air flight 102 from Peleliu and Angaur crashed as it was approaching to land at the Palau International Airport in Airai; and

WHEREAS, all seven passengers and both crew members, who included Sharon Blau, Cherokee Blau, Victoria Rafael, Dafosa Gabriel, and Patrick Tomei of Angaur, Hatsue Ngiraloi and her granddaughter Melidiul of Peleliu, Simon Gerovich of Australia, and Ponciano Salanga of the Philippines, died in this tragic accident; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these peoples' lives is a loss for their families and loved ones, as well as for our entire Republic; and

WHEREAS, the people and the Government of the Republic of Palau mourn during this time of sorrow, and wish to extend their heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims of this accident; and

WHEREAS, the people and the Government of the Republic of Palau shall ever remember those who perished in this tragic accident;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of Palau, including 1 PNC § 503(c), I hereby proclaim that a state of national mourning shall be observed throughout the Republic of Palau as a tribute to the victims of this accident, and that all flags regularly flown within the jurisdiction of the Republic of Palau, and the National Flag of the Republic of Palau flown at embassies, consulate offices, and liaison offices of Palau in other countries, shall be flown at half-mast on this day, November 27, 1998, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SO PROCLAIMED this 26th day of November 1998, in Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau