

Presidential Proclamation No. 13-104

To Honor the late Governor Zacheus Kotaro and Ordering that all Flags be flown at Half-Mast in his Honor

WHEREAS, the late Governor Zacheus Kotaro was born on March 19, 1959 to Kotaro Kubarii and Idub Morwai Kotaro of Ngchesar State; and

WHEREAS, the late Governor Kotaro grew up in Ngchesar where he attended Ngchesar Elementary School until later attending Palau High School in Koror where he received his high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, the late Governor Kotaro furthered his education by earning an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice at Wichita State University and received numerous certificates of achievement in public safety trainings and workshops; and

WHEREAS, early in his career the late Governor Kotaro served with distinction as police officer from 1983 - 1994 by achieving the rank of Lieutenant before pursuing other careers; and

WHEREAS, the late Governor Kotaro furthered his career in the Ngchesar State Government working first as supervisor, director of public works, and becoming a Ngchesar State Council member for four consecutive terms from 2001 - 2013; and

WHEREAS, the late Governor Kotaro was actively engaged in and known for his interest in agriculture by owning and operating a farm in Ngchesar planting vast variety of produce, including taro, noni, betel nuts, guavas, lemons, and bananas; and

WHEREAS, the late Governor Kotaro was then elected Governor of Ngchesar State from February 19, 2013 until his untimely death on December 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the late Governor Kotaro tenure worked tirelessly to unite the people of Ngchesar State and address the needs of the youth and elderly citizens; and

WHEREAS, the late Governor Kotaro is survived by his brother Kennedy Kotaro; his sisters Katsko Kotaro Tmilchol, Martha Kotaro Rechelluul, and Veronica Kotaro Omelau; and his children Korhonen Eriu Kotaro, Dilbudech Reba Shiro, Tyson Shama Ungilbesul Kotaro, and Zonia Abuei Kotaro; and

WHEREAS, the passing of late Governor Zacheus Kotaro is a great loss to his family, his relatives, his friends, his clan, the community of Ngchesar State, and the people of the Republic of Palau; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to 1 PNC §§ 501 et. seq. and Executive Order No. 24, as amended by Executive Order No. 292, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, hereby proclaim that as a display of the respect his country and his fellow citizens have for the late Governor Zacheus Kotaro, 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 (5) days, commencing December 24, 2013, through Saturday, December 28, 2013, the day of Governor Kotaro's funeral.

SO PROCLAIMED this December 12, 2013 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President of the Republic of Palau