

Presidential Proclamation No. 13-77

Honoring the Late Delegate Horace N. Rafael and Directing that Flags Be Flown at Half-Mast in his Memory

WHEREAS, the late Delegate Horace N. Rafael was born on September 16, 1958 to “Yaeko Rafael and Isaak Ngiracheluolou and was raised by Emau Rafael and Rekisiwang Rafael in his beloved state of Angaur; and

WHEREAS, the late Delegate Rafael began his formal education at Maris Stella elementary School, but was later transferred to Angaur Elementary School. Delegate Rafael continued his education at Palau High School where he earned his diploma before pursuing a higher education in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, upon returning home, the late Delegate Rafael began his long career in public service as a Sanitation Officer for the Koror State Government in 1990 before eventually progressing to become the Chief of the Koror State’s Department of Cultural Affairs in 1994. The late Delegate Rafael later served as a Coordinator for the outlying states’ power and water systems for the Ministry of Resources and Development; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, the late Delegate Rafael began his long and successful political career by being elected by the people of Angara to serve as one of the Legislators to the Olbiil Era Ngeaur for two consecutive terms from 1996 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the late Delegate Rafael was then elected as Governor for the State of Angaur where he successfully served four (4) consecutive terms in this capacity ending in 2008; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the late Delegate Rafael was then elected as Delegate for the State of Angaur to the House of Delegates of the Eighth Olbiil Era Kelulau where he was Chairman to the Committee on Public Works, Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Projects as well as the Vice-Chairman to the Committee on Energy, Communication & Transportation, which he served with distinction until the end of his term in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the late Delegate Rafael also served as a representative of the Olbiil Era Kelulau to the Association of Pacific Island Legislature (APIL), where he was also a member of its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the late Delegate Rafael is survived by his wife Eleanor Anderson Rafael; his children Ely Medalarrak Rafael, Tzun Kikuch Rafael, Dirreou Rafael and Ashea Toktang Rafael; his four grandchildren Elizon Ongiil Elwais, Edizon Elwais, Danny Ngeuik Elwais and Daphia Didil Mac; and his sisters, brothers, nephews, nieces and numerous relatives; and

WHEREAS, the passing of late Delegate Horace Rafael is a great loss to his family, his relatives, his friends, his clan, the people of the States of Angaur; and to the people of the Republic of Palau; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, 1 PNC 503(c), and Executive Order No. 24, 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 Delegate Horace N. Rafael, 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 5 day(s), commencing on January 21, 2013.

SO PROCLAIMED this 20th day of January 2013 at the National Capitol, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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