

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 13-89

*Honoring the Late Bonifacio Basilius and
Directing that Flags be Flown at Half-Mast in his Honor*

WHEREAS, Former Governor Bonifacio Basilius was called to his final rest on May 21, 2013 at the Belau National Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Bonifacio Basilius was born on June 26, 1941 to Siangeldeb Basilius and Omengebar Basilius of Ngchesar State; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Bonifacio Basilius was chosen to attend Xavier High School, where he graduated in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Bonifacio Basilius then attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism in 1968; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Bonifacio Basilius returned home to Palau and began his public service career as a Public Radio Announcer; and

WHEREAS, Bonifacio Basilius served in the Palau District of the Government of the Trust Territory in various roles between 1964-1981; and

WHEREAS, Bonifacio Basilius was selected by the people of Ngchesar State to represent them in drafting the Palau Constitution in 1979, where he played a vital role in helping to create a free, independent, and democratic Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Bonifacio Basilius was chosen as the Chairman of the convention that drafted the Ngchesar State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, from 1983 to 1985 Bonifacio Basilius served as a Special Assistant to President Haruo I. Remeliik, and in 1985 continued as Special Assistant under President Lazarus E. Salii; and

WHEREAS, from 1989 to 1992, Bonifacio Basilius served as Chief of Staff for President Ngiratkel Etpison; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Bonifacio Basilius was appointed Governor of Ngchesar State, where he served the people capably and effectively until 1998; and

WHEREAS, recognizing his lifetime of commitment and service to Palau, President Johnson Toribiong bestowed upon Bonifacio Basilius the *Outstanding Citizen Award* in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the late Bonifacio Basilius is survived by his wife Martina Basilius and numerous brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, children, and grandchildren, who will miss him dearly; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Bonifacio Basilius is a great loss to his family, friends, and Ngchesar State and also to the people of the Republic of Palau;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, 1 PNC §503, and pursuant to Executive Order No. 292, I, Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, hereby proclaim that as a display of the respect that our country and our fellow citizens have for the late Bonifacio Basilius, 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 on May 28, 2013.

SO PROCLAIMED this 28th day of May, 2013 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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