

**Presidential Proclamation No. 13-91**

***To Honor and Appreciate the Contributions of the Late  
Ratu Joseva Atonio Rabici Lalabalavu to the Republic of Palau***

**WHEREAS**, Ratu Joseva Atonio Rabici Lalabalavu was born on August 8, 1964 in Taveuni, Fiji into the high ranking clan of “Tui Cakau” and was destined to be the paramount High Chief of his clan for Taveuni, Fiji; and

**WHEREAS**, Ratu Joseva Atonio Rabici Lalabalavu gave up a kingly life in Fiji as a paramount High Chief to move to the Republic of Palau in 1999 where he spent fourteen (14) of his forty-seven (47) years of life in the Republic of Palau with his wife, Selaima Malani Lalabalavu, who was more affectionately known by her patients as “Dr. Lala”; and

**WHEREAS**, Ratu Joseva Atonio Rabici Lalabalavu and Dr. Lala have made significant contributions to the Republic in their fourteen (14) years of residency in Palau; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lala has spent over fourteen (14) years as a dedicated medical professional at Belau National Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, Ratu Joseva Atonio Rabici Lalabalavu has worked tirelessly on behalf of his faith with “Advertising for Christ” by advocating the word of God, including daily text messages to over 1,100 people who found comfort in their faith through his words; and

**WHEREAS**, Ratu Joseva Atonio Rabici Lalabalavu has touched the lives of many Palauans, made friends with many Palauans, and encouraged many Palauans through difficult times sometimes by saying his favorite phrase, “that nothing is impossible with God”; and

**WHEREAS**, Ratu Joseva Atonio Rabici Lalabalavu passed away on June 14, 2013, survived by his wife, Selaima Malani Lalabalavu, and his son Poseci Lalabalavu; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, hereby proclaim that the Republic of Palau honors and appreciates the many contributions made by Ratu Joseva Atonio Rabici Lalabalavu to the Republic of Palau and may his memory endure with all of the people of Palau.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this June 18, 2013:

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