

Presidential Proclamation No. 13-93

***To Honor the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio and
Ordering that all Flags be flown at Half-Mast in his Honor***

WHEREAS, the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio was born on November 15, 1916 in Ngeraus, State of Ngchesar; and

WHEREAS, the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio received his education from the Kokako Elementary School and the Hoshuka Japanese High School before completing six months of police training during the Japanese Administration of Palau; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio became a police officer for the Japanese Administration from 1943 to 1945; and

WHEREAS, the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio was a dedicated, knowledgeable, and well respected leader, family man, community person, businessman, builder, churchman, and public servant, having dedicated more than 80 years of his life for the State of Ngchesar and the Republic; and

WHEREAS, the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio's public service includes serving as a classroom teacher for the Ngchesar Elementary School from 1946 to 1951; Magistrate of the Ngchesar Municipality from 1952 to 1956; member of the Palau District Legislature from 1956 to 1960; Councilman for the Ngchesar Municipality from 1960 to 1962 and 1971 to 1981; Ngchesar Municipal Judge from 1962 to 1967; delegate to the First Ngchesar State Constitutional Convention in 1981; Councilman for the Ngchesar State Council from 1982 to 1989; and delegate to the Second Ngchesar State Constitutional Convention in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio was instrumental in the establishment of the constitutional government of Ngchesar State and the political growth of the state; and

WHEREAS, the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio left a legacy of dedication, hard work, public service, righteous leadership, and activism, which is evident in the services of his children, Former Governor of Ngchesar State Ms. Romana Anastacio; the longest serving Ngchesar State Delegate, Mr. Ignacio Anastacio; and the once Minister of State, Senator, and currently Speaker of the House of Delegates the Honorable Sabino Anastacio; and

WHEREAS, due to the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio's leadership skills the Ngerbis Clan of Ngchesar State bestowed upon him Ngchesar State's second highest ranking chief title of Rechesengel in 1993; and

WHEREAS, the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio was not only a dedicated public servant, he was also a great fisherman, sawmill operator, and master builder with knowledge in building both traditional and modern structures, and boats; and

WHEREAS, the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio was also renowned for his knowledge of Palauan tradition and culture and served as the Ngchesar State representative to the Society of Historians and Cultural Advisory Board, and his exceptional memory made him very valuable in the preservation of Palauan tradition and culture; and

WHEREAS, the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio served the people of Ngchesar and his country with honor and distinction as a statesman, traditional leader, and public servant; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2013, the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio was called to eternal rest at the age of 96; and

WHEREAS, the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio is survived by his children Romana Anastacio, Huan Anastacio, Ignacio Anastacio, Sabino Anastacio, Dr. Joel Miles Anastacio, Miriam Anastacio, Anastacio Dawson, Linda Anastacio, Loretta Anastacio, Roseanne Anastacio, Cynthia Anastacio, Ismael Anastacio, Edward Anastacio, Mattew Anastacio, and numerous grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the passing of the late Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio, 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 Rechesengel Saburo N. Anastacio, 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 August 6, 2013;

SO PROCLAIMED, this August 5, 2013 in Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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