

## **Presidential Proclamation No. 13-95**

### ***To Honor the late former Minister of Education “Techetbos” William Tabelual and Ordering that all Flags be flown at Half-Mast in his Honor***

**WHEREAS**, on August 07, 2013, late former Minister of Education “Techetbos” William Tabelual was called to his eternal rest at the Belau National Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, the late former Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual was born to Tabelual Ngirakebeas and Ubul Rikbal on November 12, 1933 in Ngchesar State; and

**WHEREAS**, the late former Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual began his studies in 1945 at Ngchesar Elementary School, then from 1948 to 1951 at the Intermediate School in Koror State, and then from 1951 to 1955 he graduated and received his High School Diploma at San Jose High School in Manila, Republic of the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, from 1955 to 1957 Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual continued to pursue his higher education at Ateneo De Manila University, in Manila, Republic of the Philippines where he finished two and half years of Liberal Arts study, when in 1971 he enrolled at the University of Nebraska where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management and Administration in 1973; and

**WHEREAS**, Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual then went on to obtain his Master’s Degree in School Administration at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

**WHEREAS**, the late former Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual began his career at the District Administration as a Translator/Interpreter and served as an Assistant Clerk of Court for the Judiciary from 1959 to 1961; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1961 to 1965 Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual served as Secretary of the Palau National Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual served as **[sic]** at Palau High School from 1965 to 1968 as a High School Teacher; from 1968 to 1970 as an Administrative Assistant at the Bureau of Education; from 1970 to 1982 as a Scholarship and Student Service Coordinator in the Bureau of Education; from 1980 to 1982 as the Acting Director of Education; and from 1982 to 1991 as the Director of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991 Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual was appointed by His Excellency Ngiratkel Etpison, former President of the Republic, as the Minister of Education until the end of President Etpison’s term in 1992, at which time he formally retired from government services; and

**WHEREAS**, aside from the high positions he held during that time, Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual also held other public duties and responsibilities, such as a Course Instructor at Community College of Micronesia from 1972 to 1973; Chairman of the Parole Board from 1971 to 1992; Special Judge at the Palau Supreme Court from 1981 to 1991; and in 1998 he served as a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ngchesar Constitutional Convention; and

**WHEREAS**, the late former Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual, due to his extensive knowledge and expertise in Palauan culture, tradition, and customs, his Clan of Ngermadeliang appointed him in 1992 as “Techetbos,” which is the highest ranking Chief of the Ngerusmou (council of chiefs) of the Ngeruikel hamlet in Ngchesar State.

**WHEREAS**, because the Constitution of Ngchesar State automatically seats the bearer of the chief title “Techetbos” as a member of the Council, the late former Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual immediately began to serve as a member of the Ngchesar State Council where he was also appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Council as the Treasurer of the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> Ngchesar State Constitutional Government from 1994 to 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the late former Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual was a loving father and husband who is best known for his patience; and

**WHEREAS**, the late former Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual was survived by his wife, Remusei Mariur; his sons Andrew Tabelual, Dwayne Mariur, Rimirch Remoket (dec.), Jude Remoket (dec.); his daughters, Lucia Tabelual, Monica Mariur, and Phadera Ueki; his brothers and sisters Walter Tabelual, Augusta Tabelual, Hasinta Tabelual, Paul Tabelual, Sumie Omelau (dec.), Regina Kebesuul Olkeriil (dec.), Mahensia Yosko Tabelual (dec.), Cecilia Katsumi Tabelual (dec.), Theodora Tabelual (dec.), Francisco Tabelual (dec.), Kodep Brel (dec.), Tangeschel Brel (dec.), Alloysia Brel (dec.), Kukong Mimong (dec.), Laisang Tabelual (dec.) and Eulalia Metes (dec.); and

**WHEREAS**, the passing of late former Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual 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**, by virtue of authority vested in the President under the Constitution and Laws of the Republic of Palau and by virtue of the provisions of the 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 former Minister “Techetbos” William Tabelual, 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 29, 2013.

**SO PROCLAIMED**, this August 20, 2013 at Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau:

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