

## **Presidential Proclamation No. 14-105**

### ***To Honor the late former Governor Itbik Hinao Soalablai and Ordering that all Flags be flown at Half-Mast in his Honor***

**WHEREAS**, the late former Governor Itbik Hinao Soalablai was born on August 26, 1944, to the late Soalablai Umedib and Kesiil Mengelil Soalablai of Peleliu State; and

**WHEREAS**, the late former Governor Soalablai attended Peleliu Elementary School from 1951 to 1957, moved to Koror to further his education by attending the Intermediate School from 1957 to 1960, and then subsequently advanced to the Vocational Trade School which he graduated in 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, the late former Governor Soalablai held numerous careers: From 1963 to 1964 he was an employee at the boat yard; from 1964 to 1965 he was a classroom teacher at Peleliu Elementary School; from 1965 to 1976 he was the Clerk of the Peleliu Municipality; and from 1976 to 1983 he was a Magistrate of the Peleliu Municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the late former Governor Soalablai was elected in December 1991 as the Governor of 4th Constitutional Government of Peleliu State where he faithfully executed his duties and responsibilities from 1992 to 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the many jobs that the late former Governor Soalablai had in his illustrious career, he also served in many other important positions, such as, President of Ipan Seineng of Peleliu Municipality; as a Mediator of Palau Land Court; as a Supervisor of the Capitol Improvement Project for Peleliu State Roads; and as a member of Peleliu Public Land Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Soalablai was an avid and daring fisherman, well known for his exceptional fishing skills, eventually serving as a member of Team Palau in the 1990 Micronesia Games in Saipan, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, in the event of Spear Fishing; and

**WHEREAS**, the late former Governor Soalablai served his people with distinction and honor, and his service and legacy shall forever remain a part of the history of Peleliu State and the people of the Republic of Palau; and

**WHEREAS**, the late former Governor Soalablai will be loved and missed by his family; governor Soalablai is survived by his wife Nora Sisior Soalablai; his numerous children, grandchildren, and other family members and relatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the late former Governor Itbik Hinao Soalablai was finally called to his eternal rest on January 3, 2014 at Belau National Hospital; 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 former Governor Itbik Hinao Soalablai, 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 January 21, 2014 .

**SO PROCLAIMED** this January 16, 2014 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

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