

Presidential Proclamation No. 14-106

To Honor the late Private Olajuwon Itacherchar Kumangai and Ordering that all Flags be flown at Half-Mast in his Honor

WHEREAS, the late Private Olajuwon Itacherchar Kumangai, known by his family and friends as “Olai” was born on May 27, 1994 to Bradley Kumangai of Ngardmau State and Darla Ellechel Kumangai of Ngarchelong State; and

WHEREAS, the late Private Kumangai attended Koror Elementary School, Palau High School, and graduated at Emmaus High School in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the late Private Kumangai was an outstanding athlete, participating in numerous sporting events, including earning the national distinction of being the Triathlon Federation’s Male Athlete of the Year for two consecutive years, 2009 and 2010, and was furthered recognized in 2010 by the Palau National Olympics Committee’s as its Male Athlete of the Year, PNOC’s highest individual honor for an athlete; and

WHEREAS, the late Private Kumangai was inducted to the United States Army on July 18, 2013 and began his service on October 15, 2013 at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the late Private Kumangai was awarded The Army Achievement Medal for meritorious achievement while serving as a soldier in training as recognition for his dedication to duty and professionalism, and The Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity in active federal military service; and

WHEREAS, the late Private Kumangai was a dedicated and active member of the United States Armed Forces before he was called to his eternal rest on January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the late Private Kumangai is survived by his parents Bradley and Darla Kumangai, his siblings Demira Rimat Kumangai, Alomar Soaladaob Kumangai, and Denira Kerngerong Kumangai; and his grandparents and numerous family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, the late Private Olajuwon Itacherchar Kumangai is a great loss to his family, his relatives, his friends, 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 Private Olajuwon Itacherchar Kumagai as an outstanding citizen of the Republic, 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 three (3) days, commencing January 22, 2014.

SO PROCLAIMED this January 20, 2014 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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