

## **PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 52-89**

Re: Death of the Late Honorable Kaleb Udui,  
Former President of the Senate, First Olbiil Era Kelulau

WHEREAS, in early afternoon of Sunday, August 20, 1989, the Honorable Kaleb Udui passed away in Koror, Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, born during the Japanese occupation in the Palau islands, Mr. Udui attended Japanese primary school but which was interrupted by the advent of Second World War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Udui attended the Protestant School for Boys, Emmaus, during its formative days and distinguished himself as among the brighter and most promising students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Udui attended Mid Pacific High School in Honolulu, Hawaii and was the first Palauan or Micronesian student to attend high schools in Hawaii or the Mainland United States; and

WHEREAS, having won government scholarship from the Trust Territory Government, Mr. Udui was accepted at the University of Hawaii and did his undergraduate studies therein; and

WHEREAS, in 1963 Mr. Udui successfully completed his legal education and graduated with Bachelor of Law degree from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and was the first Palauan and first Micronesian to obtain a law degree from a United States college or university; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to Micronesia, Mr. Udui was recruited as Assistant Attorney General and later was promoted to become Deputy Attorney General. at the Trust Territory Headquarters Office of the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, when the Congress of Micronesia was inaugurated in 1965, Mr. Kaleb Udui was employed to serve as its first Legislative Counsel overseeing the legal research and drafting of legislative measures for both the Senate and House of Representatives of said Congress of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, during the 1976 general elections in Palau, Mr. Udui ran for and successfully became one of the two Senators from Palau in the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, upon the dissolution of the Congress of Micronesia, Mr. Udui, along with other Palauan representatives in the Congress, became members of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Palau Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, having been elected as one of the nine Koror delegates, Mr. Udui served as

chairman of the Legislative Committee of the 1979 Palau Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Udui ran for a seat in the Koror Senatorial election district in the general elections for the officials of the first constitutional government in 1980, and successfully won; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Kaleb Udui was elected by his peers in January, 1981, as the President of the Senate, First Olbiil Era Kelulau, a position he held until December 31, 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Udui in 1986 was elected as Second Governor of the State of Ngaraard, a post he held until his death; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Kaleb Udui was recruited in 1989 to serve as Legal Counsel to the Commission on Future Palau/United States Relations and contributed considerably to completion of the Commission's task and the formulation of its report and recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the provisions of 1 PNC 503(c) and of Executive Order No. 24, I, Ngiratkel Etpison, President of the Republic of Palau, hereby proclaim that a state of national mourning exists throughout the Republic of Palau as a tribute to the late Honorable Kaleb Udui; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that, to properly observe the occasion of passage away of this renowned and distinguished leader of the Republic of Palau, all flags regularly flown within the jurisdiction of Palau, and the national flag of the Republic flown at liaison offices of Palau in other countries, shall be hoisted at half-mast for a period of ten days commencing on Sunday, August 20th and ending on Tuesday, August 29, 1989.

SO PROCLAIMED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1989, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

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Ngiratkel Etpison  
President of the Republic of Palau