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PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 18-244

*Expressing Deep Sadness for the Passing of the Late United States Senator and
Honorary Citizen of the Republic of Palau Mr. John Sidney McCain III*

*And Conveying the Appreciation of a Grateful Nation for his Contributions to the People
of the Republic of Palau and Ordering that All Flags be Flown at Half Mast in his Honor*

WHEREAS, John Sidney McCain III was born on August 29, 1936 to his mother, Roberta McCain, and his father, the late Admiral John S. McCain, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, John Sidney McCain III was an American politician and naval officer who represented Arizona in the United States House of Representatives for two terms and in the United States Senate from 1987 until his passing; and

WHEREAS, John Sidney McCain III was one of the Republic of Palau's most distinguished friends due to his extended relationship with the Republic of Palau and the support given throughout over three decades of his exceptional political career; and

WHEREAS, John Sidney McCain III was a genuine, strong, and enduring leader who rose beyond the boundaries of party, position, and even nationality, to lift up people all around the world. He was among the very greatest of his generation; a man whose leadership was met by few, and whose character was matched by even fewer; and

WHEREAS, from his valorous military service and heroic devotion to his colleagues during five years of imprisonment and under the most severe wartime circumstances imaginable, through decades of dedicated, tireless, and principled service to the people of his country and the world, John Sidney McCain III set an example for public servants everywhere; and

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2013, the 9th Olbiil Era Kelulau (Palau National Congress) bestowed John Sidney McCain III with the status of Honorary Citizen of the Republic of Palau, affirmed by House Joint Resolution 9-53-8S at the National Capitol of the Republic of Palau in Ngerulmud; and



WHEREAS, John Sidney McCain III's ties to Palau were more than those of friendship or politics, and as he fought for many things throughout his life, he fought for the people of the Republic of Palau as well. His honorary Palauan citizenship was not extended lightly – the people of the Republic of Palau considered him as a fellow Palauan; and

WHEREAS, John Sidney McCain III was called to his eternal rest on August 25, 2018 at the age of 81 years; and

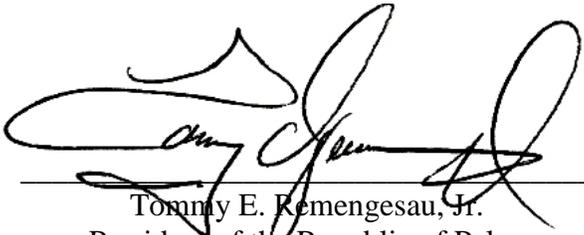
WHEREAS, John Sidney McCain III is survived by his wife; his mother, who is 106; his seven children; and his five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, his care for the Palauan people, and his support for the preservation of our unique culture and identity, remains the very foundation of the relationship between Palau and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in Palau, as in so many countries across the globe, John Sidney McCain III will never be forgotten;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, and specifically 1 PNC § 503(c) and Executive Order No. 292, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, hereby proclaim that as a display of the respect that his country and his fellow citizens of the United States of America and the Republic of Palau have for John Sidney McCain III, 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 the entire day of August 31st 2018 in his honor.

SO PROCLAIMED, this 29th day of August, 2018 at the National Capitol in Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau.



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President of the Republic of Palau