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NIUE'S PREMIER TO ATTEND THE STATE FUNERAL SERVICE OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II AS CABINET APPROVES A NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE AND A ONE-OFF PUBLIC HOLIDAY ON MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER TO MARK THE PASSING OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Alofi, Niue – 15 September 2022 –The Government of Niue (GON) today announced that the Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi will represent Niue at the State Funeral Service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in London, England.

Premier of Niue, Hon Tagelagi, said, “It is a privilege to attend Her Majesty’s funeral to pay respects on behalf of the people of Niue as she is laid to rest. I am also honoured to attend in the company of distinguished leaders and guests; a testament to her faithfulness and lifetime of service to her people.”

Cabinet has also announced that Niue will mark the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away on Thursday, 8 September, with a series of events starting on Sunday, 18 September to Monday, 19 September.

Churches throughout the Island have been invited to dedicate their Sunday services on 18 September to one of thanksgiving and reflection for the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II. This will be followed by a National Memorial Service on Monday, 19 September 2022 and a one-off public holiday.

The GON has asked everyone in Niue to partake in a National Moment of Reflection on Monday at 8:15 am. The moment of silence will be observed at the National Memorial Service and can be marked privately at home, with friends and family.

**Sunday,
18 September**

Niue Churches - each denomination has its dedication to the Queen during its usual service.

For Her Majesty's State Funeral Service held in London, the live coverage will be aired on TV Niue on Sunday evening and on various online platforms.

**Monday,
19 September**

National Memorial Service and Public Holiday

The National Memorial Service will be held at Tāoga Niue, commencing at 8:00 am to acknowledge the end of the mourning period and Her Majesty being laid to rest.

The flag will be returned to full mast in recognition of the accession of King Charles III as our new Head of State.

All are welcome to attend the service.

A one-off public holiday will be a day of mourning, commemoration and condolence as we pay tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and her reign over Niue, as well as a day of renewal and acknowledging the new King Charles III.

The public is encouraged to plant a tree in remembrance and respect the late Queen.

Acting Premier of Niue, Hon. Sauni Tongatule says, “the one-off public holiday is an opportunity for us all to mourn her death and celebrate her life of dedicated public service”.

“I also encourage everyone to plant a tree or a coconut in her memory and to mark King Charles III’s accession as our new Head of State”.

“The decision to hold a one-off Public Holiday in the Queen’s honour is also in line with similar holidays planned for the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand and is in keeping with what is a historic event,” Hon. Tongatule said.

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