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**PUBLIC SERVICE ACT 2016
Section 81(1)(k)**

PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOR IBUMIN EAROENI DAY (DAY OF THE TRIBES)

WHEREAS the Republic of Nauru's matrilineal system is an integral and intrinsic part of Nauru;
WHEREAS the Republic of Nauru originally had 12 Tribes and which are currently recognised and symbolised as a 12 pointed star on the national Flag;

Tribe	Population
<i>Iruwa</i>	4450
<i>Eamwit</i>	3052
<i>Eamwitmwit</i>	1939
<i>Emea</i>	1071
<i>Deiboe</i>	1029
<i>Eano</i>	350
<i>Eoaru</i>	290
<i>Eamwidira</i>	280
<i>Emangum</i>	198
<i>Ranibok</i>	109
<i>Irutsi</i>	Extinct
<i>Iwi</i>	Extinct

NOW THEREFORE PURSUANT to the powers vested in me under Section 81(1)(k) of the *Public Service Act 2016*, I, Hon. Baron Divavesi Waqa, MP, President of the Republic of Nauru, **DO HEREBY DECLARE** that commencing from Monday, 19th August 2019, each successive year on the 19th day of August, is to be a **PUBLIC HOLIDAY** to be observed by officers and employees of the Public Service and other instrumentalities of the Republic, to commemorate *Ibumin Earoeni* day, a day to remember Nauru's tribal lineage and to honour our matrilineal system.

DATED this 9th day of August 2019.

**HON. BARON DIVAVESI WAQA, M.P.
PRESIDENT**