NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
40TH CONSTITUTION REGULAR SESSION, 2019

Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpin Ke Ejukaan

RESOLUTION 83

A RESOLUTION requesting the Nitijela to declare National Climate Crises as a
Low-Lying Coral Atoll Nation.

WHEREAS, the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s
Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C; and

WHEREAS, highlighting the extreme vulnerability and special circumstances faced
by low-lying coral atoll nations such as the Republic of the Marshall Islands –
including projections for the significant or total loss of land mass and the
implications for the security, human rights and wellbeing of the Marshallese people
– and the continued difficulties as a low-lying coral atoll nation in mobilizing the
necessary finance, support and investment from the international community to be
able to adequately respond; and

WHEREAS, noting the Marshall Islands’ climate leadership, including its 2050 “Tile
Til Eo” Climate Strategy to reach net zero emissions by 2050 and its enhanced
Nationally Determined Contribution to reduce emissions by at least 32% on 2010
levels by 2025 and by at least 45% on 2010 levels by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Nitijela decides to unite fully and unequivocally behind the science
recognize the calls of the youth of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and their
right to a climate safe future to stand in solidarity with other vulnerable nations,
including the membership of the Climate Vulnerable Forum and the Coalition of
Atoll Nations on Climate Change; and
WHEREAS, the declaration of ‘National Climate Crisis as a Low-Lying Coral Atoll Nation’ to highlight the inadequate response thus far of the international community to respond to the global climate crisis of its own making, and the extreme vulnerability and special circumstances faced by the Marshall Islands as a result; and

WHEREAS, the declaration will direct the current and future governments of the Marshall Islands to ensure the fight against climate change remains the country’s top priority, including most immediately through the finalization and implementation of a landmark National Adaptation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Marshall Islands is calling for the international community to consider additional ways to respond to and support the extreme vulnerability and special circumstances faced by the low-lying coral atoll nations of the world, and for other governments to urgently respond to the recent call by the UN Secretary-General to submit updated NDCs and 2050 decarbonization strategies in line with the spirit of the Paris Agreement and consistent with keeping temperature increases within 1.5°C; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela at its 40th Constitutional Regular Session, 2019, that the Nitijela hereby approves, the declaration of “National Climate Crises as the Low-Lying Coral Atoll Nation.”
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