

**NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
38TH CONSTITUTION REGULAR SESSION, 2017**



Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

RESOLUTION 41

A RESOLUTION conveying the deepest and most profound condolences, and sincere appreciation of the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela, to the family and friends of H.E. Tony A. de Brum, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Climate Change, after his passing, following many years of exemplary service to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and her people:

WHEREAS, H.E. Tony A. de Brum was appointed the Republic's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Climate Change on April 11, 2016, until his passing under the administration of President Hilda C. Heine, Ed. D; and

WHEREAS, H.E. Tony A. de Brum was also appointed as the Honorary Consul to the RMI by His Excellency Peter M. Christian, President of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, H.E. Tony A. de Brum was previously appointed as Minister-in-Assistance-to-the-President and Minister of Foreign Affairs, respectively, under the administration of President Christopher J. Loeak (2012-2015) as well as the Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2008 to 2009 under the administration of President Litokwa Tomeing while serving as a Senator of Kwajalein Atoll; and

WHEREAS, as a Senator of Majuro Atoll from 1984 to 2000, H.E. Tony A. de Brum held the portfolios for the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Health and Environment under the administration of President Amata Kabua as well as the Minister of Finance under the administration of President Imata Kabua; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service as a Senator, Minister and Ambassador, H.E. Tony A. de Brum served with great distinction as Secretary of Foreign Affairs (1979-1983), Vice Chairman of the Marshall Islands Political Status Commission (1973-1979) and Director of Resources and Development and Director of Public Affairs under the Trust Territory Government; and

WHEREAS, as Secretary of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Tony A. de Brum had a leading role that secured the Compact of Free Association with the United States and, ultimately, the Republic's sovereignty and subsequent membership to the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, H.E. Tony A. de Brum was one of the three Marshallese along with Dr. Byron Bender, who authored the first Marshallese/English Dictionary; and

WHEREAS, H.E. Tony A. de Brum played a key role in the establishment of the Peace Corp Volunteer Program in the Marshall Islands; and

WHEREAS, H. E. Tony A. de Brum was instrumental in the establishment of the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) in 1971 and was the first Director of the Micronesian Community Action Agency (MCAA) in Majuro in the 70's; and

WHEREAS, H.E. Tony A. de Brum was the prime architect of the formal ties between the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

WHEREAS, H.E. Tony A. de Brum has worked tirelessly for his country to cope with the legacy of the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Testing Program, and subsequently received international recognition through the **2012 Distinguished Peace Leadership Award**, **2014 Sean McBride Peace Prize**, **2015 Right Livelihood Award**, **2016 Arms Control Person of the Year** and the nomination for the **2016 Nobel Peace Prize**; and

WHEREAS, H.E. Tony A. de Brum emerged as a leading national and international voice on the existential threat posed by climate change to the Republic and other low-lying countries through the Majuro Declaration for Climate Leadership in 2013, his contribution in 2015 to the formation of the High Ambition Coalition and his pivotal leadership in securing the Paris Agreement on Climate Change during the COP21 talks; and

WHEREAS, with profound sadness, on August 22, 2017, H.E. Tony A. de Brum passed away peacefully surrounded by his family and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the Government, the public servants, and employees of all Government agencies, and the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands mourn the loss of a tremendous leader of the Republic, a true visionary who courageously fought for his country on the international stage, and a generous man whose proud legacy will always be his family, that was H.E. Tony A. de Brum; and

WHEREAS, H.E. Tony A. de Brum is survived by his father, Joe de Brum, his wife, Rosalie de Brum, and their children, Doreen de Brum, Dolores de Brum and Sally Ann de Brum as well as ten (10) grandchildren and five (5) great grandchildren, and his siblings, Laurette Powell, Lena de Brum, Karina Bobo Aliven, Anton de Brum and the late Peter de Brum; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their *Nitijela* at its 38th Constitutional Regular Session 2017, that the *Nitijela*, on behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands conveys, and the *Nitijela* does hereby accordingly conveys, its deepest and profound condolences and sincere appreciation, to the family and friends of H.E. Tony A. de Brum, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Climate Change, in tribute to his exemplary service to the nation.

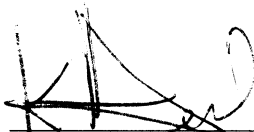
BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that a counterpart original of this Resolution be delivered to the family of H.E. Tony A. de Brum by the Office of the Speaker.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify:

1. That Nitijela Resolution No: 41 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 25th day of August 2017; and
2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Resolution No: 41 was passed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of Procedures of the Nitijela.

I hereby place my signature before the Clerk this 28th day of August 2017.



Hon. Kenneth A. Kedi

Speaker

Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Attest:



Morean S. Watak

Clerk

Nitijela of the Marshall Islands