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RESOLUTION

requesting the Nitijela to approve the accession of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

WHEREAS, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (hereinafter “the Convention”), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit “A”, was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 13, 2006, opened for signature on March 30, 2007 and entered into force on May 3, 2008; and

WHEREAS, there are 159 signatories to the Convention with 151 States Parties which have either ratified or acceded to the Convention which includes Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu from the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, persons with disabilities are faced with numerous challenges, barriers and obstacles that may be overcome by enactment, implementation and enforcement of laws and regulations that recognize and promote the importance of a disability-inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands is desirous of acceding to the Convention to demonstrate its commitment to fostering a disability-inclusive society that recognizes the inherent dignity and equal rights of persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Cabinet, at its meeting on December 19, 2014, approved the Republic’s accession to the CRPD subsequent to approving the RMI National Policy on Disability Inclusive Development (2014-2018) and the RMI National Policy on Disability Inclusive Development Action Plan (2014-2018);
WHEREAS, the Convention is a legally binding international human rights treaty which
aims to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and
fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent
dignity (Article I); and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 1(3)(d) of the Constitution requires that no treaty shall
be finally accepted without the approval of the Nitijela, signified by Resolution; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their
Nitijela at its 36th Constitutional Regular Session that for the purpose of Article V, Section
1(3)(d) of the Constitution, the Nitijela hereby approves the Republic of the Marshall Islands’
accession to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minister of Foreign Affairs shall execute and
transmit depository letters and accession documents to the Secretary General of the United
Nations.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify:

1. That Nitijela Resolution No: 56 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the
   Marshall Islands on the 15th day of January, 2015; and

2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Resolution No: 56 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 30th day of January, 2015.

Attest:

Hon. Donald F. Capelle
Speaker
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Farjo Arslong
Clerk
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands