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RESOLUTION

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4 **requesting the *Nitijela* to approve the accession of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to**
5 **the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*.**
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7 **WHEREAS**, the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (hereinafter “the
8 Convention”), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit “A”, was adopted by the United Nations
9 General Assembly on December 13, 2006, opened for signature on March 30, 2007 and entered
10 into force on May 3, 2008; and

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

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

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

21 **WHEREAS**, the Cabinet, at its meeting on December 19, 2014, approved the Republic’s
22 accession to the CRPD subsequent to approving the *RMI National Policy on Disability Inclusive*
23 *Development (2014-2018)* and the *RMI National Policy on Disability Inclusive Development*
24 *Action Plan (2014-2018)*;

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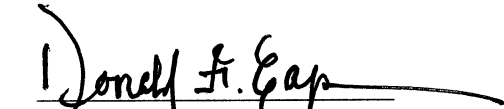
2 I hereby place my signature before the Clerk this 30th day of January, 2015.

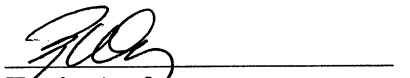
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Attest:

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


Tarjo Arelong
Clerk
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

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