
**NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
44TH CONSTITUTIONAL REGULAR SESSION, 2023**



Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

RESOLUTION 84

A **RESOLUTION** expressing grave concerns over Japan's plans and decisions to dump radioactive wastewater from the Fukushima Nuclear Plant into the Pacific Ocean, and urging Japan to consider safer alternative plan to dispose the radioactive wastewater then releasing into the Pacific Ocean.

WHEREAS, Japan had announced in April 2021 a plan to start dumping into the Pacific Ocean more than a million tons of treated but still radioactive wastewater from the Fukushima Nuclear Plant, which was destroyed in the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami; and

WHEREAS, Japan aims to implement its decisions to discharge the radioactive wastewater starting 2023, and over a period of about 30 years; and

WHEREAS, such action would threatens the lives and livelihoods of Pacific Islanders who heavily relied on marine resources. The ocean not only provides food but cash economy. Ocean is significantly important for both inshore and offshore fisheries activities such as tuna trading, which significantly supports the cash economy of the Pacific Island nations including the Marshall Islands; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Ocean should no longer be a dumping ground for nuclear wastes, which historically, has been used for nuclear weapons testing by the US, the United Kingdom and France since the 1940s to late last century, and the radioactive contamination from more than 300 atmospheric and underwater nuclear tests rendered may locations, especially in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and French Polynesia, uninhabitable and led to irreversible long-term disorders in affected communities; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall Islands in particular, from 1946-1958, the United States detonated 67 nuclear weapons on Bikini and Enewetak Atolls, which resulted in forced relocation, culture loss tied with loss of lands, biological and ecological consequences, and nuclear health related diseases which are currently ongoing and faced by the Marshallese people today; and

WHEREAS, there are viable alternatives to Japan's plan to dispose more 1 million tonnes of wastewater from the crippled Fukushima nuclear power station into the Pacific Ocean, and by the sense of the Nitijela, strongly urges Japan to consider safer alternative plans to dispose the radioactive other than dumping into the Pacific Ocean; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela in its 44th Constitutional Regular Session, 2023, that the Nitijela, express its concerns over Japanese plans and decisions to dump radioactive wastewater into the Pacific Ocean; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Japan considering a better alternative to dispose the radioactive wastewater than to dump into the Pacific Ocean.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify:

1. That Nitijela Resolution No: 84 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 24th day of March 2023; and
2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Resolution No: 84 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 27th day of March 2023.



Hon. Kenneth A. Kedi
Speaker
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Attest:



Morean S. Watak
Clerk
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands