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



Republic of the Marshall Islands  
*Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan*

**RESOLUTION NO. 82**

**A RESOLUTION** requesting Tobolar Copra Processing Authority through Cabinet to implement standard size copra bags of maximum weight up to 70 pounds.

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**WHEREAS** Tobolar Copra Processing Authority (TCPA), formerly the Tobolar Copra Processing Plant, Inc, was granted a corporate charter on August 13, 1977, under the laws of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, as subsequently adopted by the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RepMar). TCPA was established for the primary purpose of engaging in the production and processing of copra products on Majuro Atoll, now extended to the neighboring islands; and

**WHEREAS** TCPA's principal lines of business are copra oil, copra cake, soap and refined oil products; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, Tobolar's objective is to assume responsibility for the management, operation, and maintenance of all aspects of copra processing for the Republic, to perform in a manner that will best meet social, economic and political needs of the people of the Republic for copra processing and to do so efficiency and economically as practicable, and to assure a continuing market for copra from the Republic and an economically productive commodity upon which the economy of the Republic can rely, and to encourage and enlist private sector participation in Tobolar; and

**WHEREAS**, under Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to for the Government of the Republic to recognize the right of the people to health care, education, and legal services and the obligation to take every step reasonable and necessary to provide these services to its people; and

**WHEREAS**, it has becoming a growing health concerns for copra makers, especially for the neighboring islands, by lifting copra bags in excess weight of 70 pounds has resulted in musculoskeletal injuries (MSis) including sprains and strains and other potential long term injuries such as hernia for men; and

**WHEREAS**, the USPS and most airlines around the world have restricted cargoes that weighs more than 70 lbs;

**WHEREAS**, as a matter of great health concerns, Tobolar through Cabinet, to collectively establish policy to standardize the size copra to a maximum weight of 70 lbs in order to deter any further health issues related to lifting excess copra bag weights; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela in its 44<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Regular Session 2023, that the Nitijela hereby approves this resolution requesting Tobolar Copra Processing Authority through the Cabinet to implement standardized copra size at the maximum weight of 70 pounds (lbs); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Tobolar Copra Processing Authority ceased to supply and distribution of the current copra bags that are more than 70 pounds (lbs).

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**CERTIFICATE**

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**I hereby certify:**

1. That Nitijela Resolution No: **82** was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the **21st** day of **September** 2023; and
2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Resolution No: **82** 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 **25<sup>th</sup>** day of **September** 2023.



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

**Attest:**



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**Carl Alik**  
Assistant Clerk  
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands