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AN ACT

to amend Section 261 of the Judiciary Act 1983 (27 MIRC Ch.2), by expressly permitting residents of the Republic to seek voluntary mediation before judges of the High Court and Traditional Rights Court, in addition to the District Court and Community Courts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS:

11 **Section 1. Short Title**

12 This Act may be cited as the Judiciary (Amendment) Act, 2006.

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14 **Section 2. Amendments**

15 **(1)** Section 261 Subsection (2) of the Judiciary Act 1983 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 **§261. Settlement of disputes.**

17 (2) The High Court, and unless the High Court orders otherwise, the Traditional Rights
18 Court, the District Court or a Community Court may, at the request of a party to a dispute,
19 endeavor to effect an amicable settlement of the dispute, and for that purpose may invite
20 the parties to appear before a judge of the court for an informal hearing.

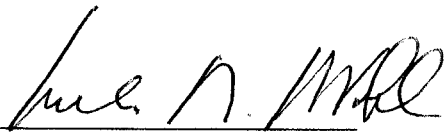
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22 **Section 3. Effective Date.**

23 This Act shall take effect on the date of certification in accordance with Article IV, Section
24 21 of the Constitution and the Rules of Procedures of the Nitijela.

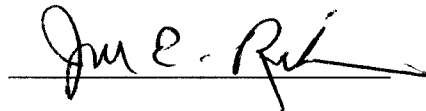
CERTIFICATE**I hereby certify:**

- (1) That Nitijela Bill No: 127 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 6th day of November, 2006; and
- (2) That I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No.: 127 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 5th day of December, 2006.

Attest:

Ruben R. Zackhras
Vice-Speaker
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands



Joe E. Riklon
Clerk
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands