

NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS  
37TH CONSTITUTION REGULAR SESSION, 2016



Republic of the Marshall Islands  
*Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan*

## RESOLUTION 40

**conveying the deepest and most profound condolences, and sincere appreciation of the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their *Nitijela*, to the family and friends of the Honorable Mattlan Zackhras, who served as Minister-in-Assistance-to-the-President and Environment, after his passing, following many years of exemplary service to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and her people:**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mattlan Zackhras was appointed as the Minister-in-Assistance-to-the-President in February 2016 under the administration of President Hilda C. Heine, Ed. D, the portfolio of which later included Environment, where he served with distinction and dedication until his passing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mattlan Zackhras was previously appointed as the Minister of Resources and Development in 2008 under the administration of former President Litokwa Tomeing and re-appointed as such in 2010, under the administration of former President Jurelang Zedkaia, where again, among other notable achievements, he was undoubtedly instrumental, in the establishment of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) Office in Majuro; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mattlan Zackhras, upon assuming the senatorial seat for Namdrik Atoll for the first time in 2004, was appointed as the Minister of Public Works under the administration of former President Kessai H. Note, serving as the youngest Senator and Minister at that time; and

**WHEREAS**, from 2004 to 2017, the Honorable Mattlan Zackhras served the people of Namdrik Atoll with unassailable distinction, high moral integrity, clear vision and unwavering foresight, and where his work with his constituents garnered repeated international awards and recognition, including, twice by the United Nations Development Program in 2012, and at the UNDP's global Equator Initiative and at the Sustainable Development Conference in Brazil also in 2012, for groundbreaking initiatives supporting sustainable development, such as the establishment of the Namdrik Copra Cooperative, the production of virgin coconut oil, and Namdrik's pearl hatchery;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his service as a Senator and Minister, the Honorable Mattlan Zackhras served with great distinction in various positions in the Government from 1994, until his election to the Nitijela in 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his exemplary service at home the Honorable Mattlan Zackhras served his country with pride and distinction, and demonstrated extraordinary leadership on the international plane, and at key international fora, such as at the United Nations Climate Change negotiations and related meetings, and also evidenced by his appointment as Convenor of the High Ambition Coalition group of countries; and

**WHEREAS**, with profound sadness, on August 8, 2017, the Honorable Mattlan Zackhras passed away after a sudden illness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government, the public servants, and employees of all Government agencies, and the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands mourn the loss of a tremendous person who was an excellent leader, who exuded a generous spirit a happy disposition and an inviting demeanor, and who profoundly strived to excel purely for the love of his country, that was the Honorable Mattlan Zackhras;

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mattlan Zackhras is survived by parents Ambassador Ruben R. Zackhras and Rothie Zackhras, his wife, Angela Junko Zackhras, and their children, Lorenzo Isaiah Zackhras, Manny Mateo Zackhras and Christy Zackhras, and his siblings, Yominda Tarbwilin, Sharon Fitzpatrick, Wisely Zackhras, Rotha Nani Nathan, Isaac Zackhras, Ruben Zackhras, Jr., and Dain Zackhras.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their *Nitijela* at its 38<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Regular Session 2017, that the *Nitijela*, on behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands conveys, and the *Nitijela* does hereby accordingly conveys, its most deepest and profound condolences and sincere appreciation, to the family and friends of the Honorable Mattlan Zackhras, Minister-in-Assistance-to-the-President and Environment, in tribute to his exemplary service to the nation.

**BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that a counterpart original of this Resolution be delivered to the family of the Honorable Mattlan Zackhras, by the Office of the Speaker.

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CERTIFICATE

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**I hereby certify:**

1. That Nitijela Resolution No: 40 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017; and
2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Resolution No: 40 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017.



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Speaker  
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Attest:



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Clerk  
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

**NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS  
38TH CONSTITUTION REGULAR SESSION, 2017**



Republic of the Marshall Islands  
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**RESOLUTION 41**

**A RESOLUTION** conveying the deepest and most profound condolences, and sincere appreciation of the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela, to the family and friends of H.E. Tony A. de Brum, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Climate Change, after his passing, following many years of exemplary service to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and her people:

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**WHEREAS**, H.E. Tony A. de Brum was appointed the Republic's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Climate Change on April 11, 2016, until his passing under the administration of President Hilda C. Heine, Ed. D; and

**WHEREAS**, H.E. Tony A. de Brum was also appointed as the Honorary Consul to the RMI by His Excellency Peter M. Christian, President of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

**WHEREAS**, H.E. Tony A. de Brum was previously appointed as Minister-in-Assistance-to-the-President and Minister of Foreign Affairs, respectively, under the administration of President Christopher J. Loeak (2012-2015) as well as the Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2008 to 2009 under the administration of President Litokwa Tomeing while serving as a Senator of Kwajalein Atoll; and

**WHEREAS**, as a Senator of Majuro Atoll from 1984 to 2000, H.E. Tony A. de Brum held the portfolios for the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Health and Environment under the administration of President Amata Kabua as well as the Minister of Finance under the administration of President Imata Kabua; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his service as a Senator, Minister and Ambassador, H.E. Tony A. de Brum served with great distinction as Secretary of Foreign Affairs (1979-1983), Vice Chairman of the Marshall Islands Political Status Commission (1973-1979) and Director of Resources and Development and Director of Public Affairs under the Trust Territory Government; and

**WHEREAS**, as Secretary of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Tony A. de Brum had a leading role that secured the Compact of Free Association with the United States and, ultimately, the Republic's sovereignty and subsequent membership to the United Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, H.E. Tony A. de Brum was one of the three Marshallese along with Dr. Byron Bender, who authored the first Marshallese/English Dictionary; and

**WHEREAS**, H.E. Tony A. de Brum played a key role in the establishment of the Peace Corp Volunteer Program in the Marshall Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, H. E. Tony A. de Brum was instrumental in the establishment of the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) in 1971 and was the first Director of the Micronesian Community Action Agency (MCAA) in Majuro in the 70's; and

**WHEREAS**, H.E. Tony A. de Brum was the prime architect of the formal ties between the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

**WHEREAS**, H.E. Tony A. de Brum has worked tirelessly for his country to cope with the legacy of the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Testing Program, and subsequently received international recognition through the **2012 Distinguished Peace Leadership Award, 2014 Sean McBride Peace Prize, 2015 Right Livelihood Award, 2016 Arms Control Person of the Year** and the nomination for the **2016 Nobel Peace Prize**; and

**WHEREAS**, H.E. Tony A. de Brum emerged as a leading national and international voice on the existential threat posed by climate change to the Republic and other low-lying countries through the Majuro Declaration for Climate Leadership in 2013, his contribution in 2015 to the formation of the High Ambition Coalition and his pivotal leadership in securing the Paris Agreement on Climate Change during the COP21 talks; and

**WHEREAS**, with profound sadness, on August 22, 2017, H.E. Tony A. de Brum passed away peacefully surrounded by his family and loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government, the public servants, and employees of all Government agencies, and the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands mourn the loss of a tremendous leader of the Republic, a true visionary who courageously fought for his country on the international stage, and a generous man whose proud legacy will always be his family, that was H.E. Tony A. de Brum; and

**WHEREAS**, H.E. Tony A. de Brum is survived by his father, Joe de Brum, his wife, Rosalie de Brum, and their children, Doreen de Brum, Dolores de Brum and Sally Ann de Brum as well as ten (10) grandchildren and five (5) great grandchildren, and his siblings, Laurette Powell, Lena de Brum, Karina Bobo Aliven, Anton de Brum and the late Peter de Brum; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their *Nitijela* at its 38<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Regular Session 2017, that the *Nitijela*, on behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands conveys, and the *Nitijela* does hereby accordingly conveys, its deepest and profound condolences and sincere appreciation, to the family and friends of H.E. Tony A. de Brum, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Climate Change, in tribute to his exemplary service to the nation.

**BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that a counterpart original of this Resolution be delivered to the family of H.E. Tony A. de Brum by the Office of the Speaker.

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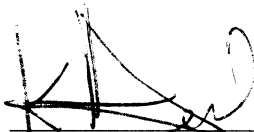
**CERTIFICATE**

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**I hereby certify:**

1. That Nitijela Resolution No: 41 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017; and
2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Resolution No: 41 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017.



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**Hon. Kenneth A. Kedi**

Speaker

Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

**Attest:**



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**Morean S. Watak**

Clerk

Nitijela of the Marshall Islands