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NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS  
42ND CONSTITUTION REGULAR SESSION, 2021



Republic of the Marshall Islands  
*Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan*

**RESOLUTION 27**

**A RESOLUTION** requesting that the Nitijela approve the Cabinet's appointment of the Honorable Grace L. Leban to serve as the Chief Judge of the Traditional Rights Court and judge representing Senior Dri Jerbal interests from the date of appointment for a term of 10 years.

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**WHEREAS**, the late Traditional Rights Court Chief Judge Walter K. Elbon passed away on October 4, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Associate Judge Grace L. Leban has expressed her willingness to serve as the Chief Judge of the Traditional Rights Court and judge representing Senior Dri Jerbal interests from the date of her appointment for a term of 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Judge Grace L. Leban has served the Republic well over the past 10 years as an Associate judge of the Traditional Rights Court; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Judge Grace L. Leban is an expert on the customary law and traditional practices of the Marshall Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Judge Grace L. Leban has the writing skills, administrative skills and experience necessary for the proper operation of the Court; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Judge Grace L. Leban has over the past 10 years participated in workshops and seminars to enhance her knowledge, skills and abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 30, 2020, the Cabinet, upon the recommendation of the Judicial Service Commission, appointed the Honorable Grace L. Leban to serve as the Chief Judge of the Traditional Rights Court and judge representing Senior Dri Jerbal interests from the date of her appointment for a term of 10 years; and now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela in its 42<sup>nd</sup> Constitutional Regular Session, 2021, that the Nitijela hereby approves the appointment of the Honorable Grace L. Leban to serve as the Chief Judge of the Traditional Rights Court and judge representing Senior Dri Jerbal interest to the date of appointment for a term of 10 years.

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**CERTIFICATE**

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**I hereby certify:**

1. That Nitijela Resolution No: 27 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021; and
2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Resolution No: 27 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2021.

**Attest:**



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



**Morean S. Watak**  
Clerk  
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

