

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



Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

RESOLUTION 36ND1

A RESOLUTION requesting the Cabinet to convey on behalf of the people and leaders of Mili Atoll their interest to the United States Government, for consideration, the use of Mili Atoll, or any part of it, as an additional defense site pursuant to the Compact of Free Association, As Amended.

WHEREAS, Mili Atoll is a coral atoll of 92 islands in the Pacific Ocean, and forms a legislative district of the Ratak Chain of the Marshall Islands. It is located approximately 75 miles of Majuro and its total land area is 5.8 square miles making it the second largest of the Marshall Islands after Kwajalein; and,

WHEREAS, Mili Atoll is the closest atoll of the Marshall Islands to the Republic of Kiribati, located approximately 333 miles northwest of Tarawa Atoll, the capital of the Republic of Kiribati; and,

WHEREAS, Mili Atoll has five main islands, mainly which Mili is the main residential hub. Throughout its history, the islets were used as an important base for operation during World War II; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Military advancement and presence in the Republic will be a great benefit to the United States Government and the people and leaders of Mili Atoll; and,

WHEREAS, the use of Mili Atoll or any part of it, for defense purposes is supported by the people and the leaders of Mili Atoll ; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Compact of the Free Association, as Amended, Title III, Article II – Defense Facilities and Operating Rights, Section 321 (b), in consideration, the people and leaders of Mili Atoll through their Government conveys their interest to the Government of the United States should it requires the use of Mili Atoll or any part of it as an additional defense site in addition to those specified under Section 321 (a) as set forth in agreements that are remain effect in accordance to the terms and such agreements; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the people of the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela in its 42nd Constitutional Regular Session, 2021, that the Nitijela hereby approves, therefore approved, this Resolution requesting the Cabinet to convey on behalf of the people and leaders of Mili Atoll their interest to the United States Government, for consideration, the use of Mili Atoll, or any part of it, as an additional defense site pursuant to the Compact of Free Association, as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Clerk of Cabinet.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify:

1. That Nitijela Resolution No: 36ND1 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 10th day of June 2021; and

2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Resolution No: 36ND1 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 14th day of June 2021.



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

Attest:



Morean S. Watak
Clerk
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands