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



Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

RESOLUTION 38

A RESOLUTION requesting the Cabinet to respectfully commence implementing a social protection programs to safeguard our citizens against the detrimental economic impact resulting from the Covid-19 Pandemic, in particular, the low-income households, unemployed senior citizens, subsistence farmers, fishermen, handicraft makers, persons with disabilities, laborers who are not qualified for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), and each local government that have been directly impacted as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 crisis has governments around the world operating in a context of radical uncertainty, and faced with difficult trade-offs given the health, economic and social challenges it raises; and,

WHEREAS, the Appropriation Act 2020, was signed into law by the Speaker of the Nitijela on September 30th, 2020, with the Nitijela approved total estimate of \$271,288,609; and,

WHEREAS, the \$44,320,306 of unanticipated revenue received by the Government for Covid-19 assistance should extend to provide assistance to citizens who are economically and socially disadvantaged; and,

WHEREAS, the Cabinet is respectfully requested to consider a cash transfer program to low-income households to provide temporary cash relief for households outside of the formal labor sector, such as the low-income households, unemployed senior citizens, subsistence farmers, fishermen, handicraft makers, person with

disabilities, laborers who are not qualify for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program (PUA), and each local government that have been directly impacted as a result of Covid-19 restrictions. It is critical thus encouraged that relief will enable the above to enhance Covid-19 readiness by purchasing Covid-19 necessities; and,

WHEREAS, the Cabinet should immediately identify any available source of funding, whether through existing funds, grants or loans, for the purpose of providing immediate assistance to the low-income households, unemployed senior citizens, subsistence farmers, fishermen, and handicraft makers, persons with disabilities, laborers who are not qualified for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program (PUA), and each local government that have been directly impacted as a result of Covid-19 restrictions; and,

WHEREAS, these social protection programs will help mitigate the economic effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on our most vulnerable citizens and local governments, by decreasing familial poverty; and now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela in its 42nd Constitutional Regular Session, 2021, that the Nitijela hereby approves this Resolution requesting the Cabinet to respectfully commence implementing a social protection programs to safeguard our citizens against the detrimental economic impact resulting from the Covid-19 Pandemic, in particular, the low-income households, unemployed senior citizens, subsistence farmers, fishermen, and handicraft makers, persons with disabilities, laborers who are not qualified for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program (PUA), and each local government that have been directly impacted as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify:

1. That Nitijela Resolution No: 38 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: 38 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

