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

Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

RESOLUTION 47

A RESOLUTION to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to Representative Megan Godfrey of District 89, and her colleagues in the Houses of Senate and Representatives, Governor Hutchison for supporting and sponsoring the House Bill 1342 and the Arkansas Marshallese Community for their continuous efforts.

WHEREAS, the collective efforts have been made by Representative Megan Godfrey, Governor Hutchison and their colleagues in the Arkansas State Legislature and the whole of Northwest community in bringing forward "The Marshallese Law Enforcement Act (HB1342)" to the State Legislature of Arkansas State; and

WHEREAS, HB1342 was intended to amend state law to allow non-immigrants legally admitted to the United States under a Compact of Free Association to apply for positions as police officer. Currently, Arkansans must be a U.S. Citizens to apply; and

WHEREAS, the Compact of Free Association Act allows Marshallese community to live in the United States without citizenship or a vise and are eligible to serve in the United States military, but not local law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, although HB 1342 failed in the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs on the roll call due to lack of votes, it is indeed a great start; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Nitijela on behalf of the People and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands express their gratitude and appreciation for

the great collaborative efforts of the State Senators and Representatives, Governor Hutchison, local law enforcement for supporting and sponsoring HB 1342, and particularly the citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and

WHEREAS, a special recognition and appreciation to Representative Megan Godfrey, Governor Asa Hutchison, Representative Logal Jeff, Representative Craig Christiansen, Senator Lance Eads, Senator David Wallace, Representative Les Eaves, Representative Mark Berry, Representative Clint Penzo, Representative Spencer Hawks, Representative Danny Watson, Representative Keith Slape, Representative Jeff Wardlaw and Senator Jim Hendren of Arkansas State, State Department of Public Safety, Consul General Alik and the whole of Northwest Arkansas community for their great collective efforts in bringing the bill "The Marshallese Law Enforcement Act (HB 1342)" that addresses issues affecting Marshallese eligibility, under the Compact of Free Association, to serve as a law enforcement officer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela at its 42nd Constitutional Regular Session, 20201, that the Nitijela hereby express sincere gratitude and appreciation to Representative Megan Godfrey and her colleagues in House of Senate and House of Representatives for supporting and sponsoring the House Bill 1342, Governor Hutchison, Arkansas Marshallese Community for their continuous support and efforts,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice Speaker of the Nitijela transmits a certified copy of this Resolution to Representative Megan Godfrey of District 89, State of Arkansas.

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