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

Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

RESOLUTION 51

A RESOLUTION by the People and Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to convey appreciation for the ongoing support of the People and Government of Australia and to welcome with gratitude the Government of Australia's enhanced efforts in the RMI and the Pacific region and its ongoing commitment to ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

WHEREAS, Australia was the third country to recognize the Republic of the Marshall Islands' sovereignty and established diplomatic relations on the 8th of July, 1987, as two independent and sovereign states committed to the democratic governance of their respective people; and

WHEREAS, Australia has done much to foster development in the Republic of the Marshall Islands by providing financial assistance; technical expertise; capacity building of human resources; and through the provision of valuable educational scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Australia provides ongoing support and assistance to the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the areas of marine security, ocean and water management, women's empowerment, and climate change amongst others; and

WHEREAS, through Australia's Maritime Security Program, Australia commits to providing a Guardian Class Patrol Boat in 2022 to further enhance the Marshall Islands' maritime surveillance capabilities, maritime security and for broader government priorities such as marine rescue and disaster relief; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic, having left no corner of the globe untouched, serves as a potent reminder of the interconnectedness of human societies. Australia being a strong development partner has provided tremendous assistance to the Republic of the Marshall Islands towards its COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts, especially towards the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination rollout to the Neighboring Islands.

WHEREAS, on the 8th of November 2018, His Excellency Prime Minister of Australia Scott Morrison, announced Australia's highest foreign policy priorities, the Pacific Step-up, as a way to engage more heavily with countries in the Pacific region including the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The Pacific Step-up responds to and recognizes a broad range of challenges in the region and through this program, Australia further enhances their commitment to assist with these challenges which include strengthening climate and disaster resilience; sustained economic growth; and support to promote healthy, educated, and inclusive populations; and

WHEREAS, Australia, having been a long-standing development partner in the Pacific, has committed a total of $1.44 billion in development assistance to the Pacific region for 2020-2021 to address the underlying issues for the respective countries; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands recognize Australia's Step Up policy to strengthen their engagement to bolster capacity, resilience and interoperability across the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, Australia recently established its new diplomatic mission in the Republic of the Marshall Islands in 2020, reflecting its ongoing commitment to step up engagement in the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS on the 4th of May, 2021 Honorable Marise Payne, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Women of Australia, officially announced the appointment of His Excellency Brek Batley, Australia's first Ambassador of Australia to the Republic of the Marshall Islands; 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 People and Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands recognize and appreciate Australia's friendship and on-going initiatives of regional cooperation and assistance through the Step Up Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade shall transmit the counterpart original of this Resolution to the Australian Government.

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