NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
46TH CONSTITUTIONAL REGULAR SESSION, 2025

Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

RESOLUTION 37

A RESOLUTION requesting the Nitijela's approval to the Accession to the Protocol to *Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime* (herein after "Palermo Protocol").

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Marshall Islands became a member state of the *Convention against Transnational Organized Crime* on October 26, 2010;

WHEREAS, as of November 2022, there are 180 member states of the Palermo Protocol, with the United Nations Office of Crime and Crimes as the implementing entity;

WHEREAS, the Nitijela adopted the *Prohibition of Trafficking in the Persons Act 2017* on April, 2017;

WHEREAS, in the U.S. Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Republic of the Marshall Islands has been ranked on Tier 2 Watch List for 2 consecutive years, i.e., 2023 and 2024, which means that the Republic of the Marshall Islands is not complying with the minimum standards but is making significant efforts to do so;

WHEREAS, one of the significant steps for the Republic of the Marshall Islands to take is acceding to the Palermo Protocol;

WHEREAS, the Cabinet met on September 19, 2024, and approved the accession of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the Palermo Protocol;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Section 3(d), of the Constitution, this Resolution is brought forth to the Nitijela at its 46th Constitutional Regular Session, that the Nitijela hereby approves the accession of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the Palermo Protocol.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela at its 46th Constitutional Regular Session, that the Nitijela hereby approves the accession of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the Palermo Protocol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be deposited and transmitted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Secretary-General of the United Nations pursuant to Article 16, Section 3, of the Palermo Protocol.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify:

1. That Nitijela Resolution No: 37 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 27th day of January 2025; and

2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Resolution No: 37 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 29th day of January 2025.

Brenson S. Wase
Speaker
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Attest:

Morean S. Watak
Clerk
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands