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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) ACT 2016

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HON. SPEAKER KENNETH A. KEDI

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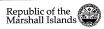
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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) ACT 2016

AN ACT to amend the *National Environmental Protection Act 1984* (35 MIRC Ch. 1) for a unified approach to the management of water and sanitation sector in the RMI

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

§1. Short Title

This Act may be cited as the *National Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act* 2016.

§2. Amendment

To include a new section as follows:

§127A. Integrated Water Resources and Sanitation_Management

- (1) The Authority shall, in consultation with the Office of the Chief Secretary, coordinate the monitoring and implementation of the National Water and Sanitation Policy and its Action Plan (the Policy) by the following:
 - (a) reviewing, recommending and enacting procedures for the monitoring and implementation of the Policy;
 - (b) reviewing and, where necessary, preparing legislation, regulations and policies relevant to the water and sanitation sectors and the declaration and protection of natural water resources;

- (c) establishing performance monitoring systems for water and sanitation providers for annual reviews;
- (d) reporting to the Cabinet on water resources in the Republic, including water and sanitation outlook;
- (e) preparing an integrated strategic plan for the water and sanitation sectors for annual review;
- (f) conducting water and sanitation sector assessments for donor reviews;
- (g) facilitating periodic water and sanitation sectors program alignment;
- (h) establishing and managing a water and sanitation database;
- developing and implementing public communications and awareness programs on water and sanitation issues, including National Water Day activities;
- (j) monitoring drought status level;
- (k) overseeing licensing and use of groundwater resources.
- (2) All references to "water use policy" or any variation thereof in the *Planning and Zoning Act 1987* (10 MIRC Ch. 2) shall be repealed.

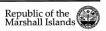
§3. Effective Date

This Act shall take effect in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules of Procedures for the Nitijela.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify:

1. That Nitijela Bill No: 33ND1 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the <u>29th</u> day of <u>September</u> 2016; and



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2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No: 33ND1 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 <u>18th</u> day of <u>October</u> 2016.

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

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