

**I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN**  
**RESOLUTION STATUS**

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**2017 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION**

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Introduced by:

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1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA***  
2           ***LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*:**

3           **WHEREAS**, in 1945, Mr. Tony A. de Brum was born on the island of Likiep  
4 in the Marshall Islands; and

5           **WHEREAS**, as a child from 1946 to 1958, Mr. de Brum lived through a  
6 twelve (12)-year period of atomic and thermonuclear weapons testing conducted by  
7 the United States military, in which sixty-seven (67) bombs were dropped on the  
8 Marshall Islands; and

9           **WHEREAS**, as a 9-year-old, Mr. de Brum witnessed the largest-ever U.S.  
10 nuclear test called the 'Bravo Shot' that produced an explosion at Bikini Atoll 1,000  
11 times more powerful than Hiroshima; and

12           **WHEREAS**, this experience guided him to bring global awareness to the  
13 effects of nuclear weapons testings; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in 1968, Mr. de Brum became one of the first Marshall Islanders  
2 to graduate from university, having attended Chaminade University and the  
3 University of Hawaii; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Mr. de Brum went on to play a leading role in the development  
5 of his country's first Constitution, and in the negotiations that led to Marshall  
6 Islands' independence via a Compact of Free Association with the United States, as  
7 well as its membership of the United Nations; and

8           **WHEREAS**, from 1973 to 1979, Mr. de Brum was the Vice Chairman of the  
9 Marshall Islands Political Status Commission; and

10           **WHEREAS**, from 1979 to 1983, Mr. de Brum was the Secretary of Foreign  
11 Affairs and Negotiator of The Original Compact of Free Association Agreement  
12 between the governments of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the United  
13 States of America; and

14           **WHEREAS**, in 1983 he began a career in politics where he helped his country  
15 to cope with the legacy of U.S. nuclear weapons testing in the Marshall Islands; and

16           **WHEREAS**, from 1984 to 2000, Mr. de Brum served as a member of the  
17 Nitijela, the national parliament of the Marshall Islands, representing Majuro Atoll,  
18 where he oversaw foreign affairs and health/environment under President Amata  
19 Kabua. He further served as Finance Minister under President Imata Kabua; and

20           **WHEREAS**, from 1990 to 1991, Mr. de Brum was an Associate Professor of  
21 Pacific Studies at the University of Hawaii; and

22           **WHEREAS**, from 2000 to 2006, Mr. de Brum continued his advocacy by  
23 hosting lectures and conducting seminars in the United States, Japan, and the Pacific  
24 Region on nuclear and military issues relating to the Republic of the Marshall Islands  
25 and neighboring island countries; and

26           **WHEREAS**, from 2000 to 2007, Mr. de Brum was consultant to the  
27 Kwajalein Negotiation Commission; and

1           **WHEREAS**, from 2008 to 2009, Mr. de Brum was appointed as Minister of  
2 Foreign Affairs under President Litokwa Tomeing; and

3           **WHEREAS**, from January 2012 to January 2016, Mr. de Brum served as the  
4 Minister-in-Assistance to the President and then the Minister of Foreign Affairs of  
5 the Republic of the Marshall Islands, in which capacity he played a leading role in  
6 helping build the diplomatic case for an ambitious Paris Agreement on Climate  
7 Change, including through spearheading a ‘High Ambition Coalition’ during the  
8 COP21 negotiations, and continued to champion the cause of nuclear disarmament;  
9 and

10           **WHEREAS**, in 2012, Mr. de Brum was awarded the 2012 Nuclear Age Peace  
11 Foundation's Distinguished Peace Leader Award. Three years later, in 2015 Mr. de  
12 Brum was also recognized with the Nuclear Free Future Award and the Right  
13 Livelihood’s ‘Alternative Nobel’ Prize for his work on nuclear disarmament; and

14           **WHEREAS**, Mr. de Brum emerged as a leading international voice on the  
15 existential threat to the Marshall Islands and other low-lying atoll countries posed  
16 by climate change, advocating for a transition to a low-carbon economy; and

17           **WHEREAS**, in February 2013, Mr. de Brum briefed the United Nations  
18 Security Council on the threats affecting Pacific island communities stemming from  
19 the impacts of climate change; and

20           **WHEREAS**, in September 2013, prior to the forty-fourth (44<sup>th</sup>) Pacific  
21 Islands Forum Leaders’ meeting, which led to the adoption of the Majuro  
22 Declaration for Climate Leadership, Mr. de Brum hosted an international ‘Panel of  
23 Experts on Climate Leadership’ to discuss action items needed to build resiliency  
24 and adaptation in small Pacific countries from the impacts of climate change; and

25           **WHEREAS**, with the Republic of the Marshall Islands’ pioneering clean  
26 energy solutions, having converting ninety-five percent (95%) of its outer island  
27 energy needs to solar power, Mr. de Brum set his sights on further developing Ocean

1 Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) technology, including a proposal to power  
2 Kwajalein Atoll which hosts a US military presence; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, Mr. de Brum and his legal team were nominated by the  
4 International Peace Bureau for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize for filing lawsuits against  
5 Nuclear-armed countries for failing to uphold international law and prevent the  
6 further proliferation of nuclear weapons; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. de Brum will be remembered for his lifelong dedication to  
8 protecting the rights of the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and  
9 ensuring a decent quality of life for future generations of the people of the Pacific,  
10 and now therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does  
12 hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam remember and  
13 recognize the life of the late Honorable Tony A. de Brum; to express a sincere *Un*  
14 *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for the work he has accomplished advocating for  
15 global action on nuclear weapons disarmament and climate change; and further  
16 extend the condolences of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to his  
17 family on his passing; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
19 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the  
20 family of the late Honorable Tony A. de Brum; the Legislature of the Marshall  
21 Islands, Nitijela; to the Honorable Hilda Heine, the President of the Marshall Islands;  
22 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

23 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI**  
24 **KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN OF THE \_\_\_ DAY OF AUGUST**  
25 **2017**

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1 **BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**

2 **Speaker**

**RÉGINE BISCOE LEE**

**Legislative Secretary**