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COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

BOARD RESOLUTION-No: 2023 - 018

“A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISCONTINUE USE OF NTA SATELLITE ON CMI CENTERS”

WHEREAS, the “MINTA” owns and operates a satellite communication system providing Internet services to CMI Centers in the outer islands and;

WHEREAS, the satellite system has been serving with an inadequate amount of Internet bandwidth (**20 Mbps shared across three centers**) to our CMI Centers and;

WHEREAS, it has been observed that the cost of maintaining and operating the satellite connection to the three Centers at Wotje, Jaluit and Santo has become increasingly unsustainable at \$259,687.56;

WHEREAS, technological advancements have made alternative communication solutions, such as Starlink's high bandwidth has an average speed of **175 Mbps for just one Center**, more viable and cost-effective for the CMI centers in the outer islands and;

WHEREAS, implementing alternative communication solutions would result in significant cost savings for the college with Starlink for the three Centers costing \$7,200 annually and;

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of the cost-benefit and quality of the service, the College resolves that it is in the best interest of the college and its users to disconnect the satellite services provided by MINTA to the CMI Centers in the outer islands and use the alternative communication methods that are both cost-effective and reliable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of the College of the Marshall Islands accepts the Proposed Discontinue Use of the NTA Satellite on all the CMI centers.



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I, **Harden Lelet**, Vice-Chair of the Board of the College of the Marshall Islands, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board of Regents of the College of the Marshall Islands on August 16, 2023 at which a quorum was present and voted.

Harden Lelet
Vice-Chair, Board of Regents
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