

HOD urges Babeldaob states to join watershed alliance

The House of Delegates has encouraged all states in Babeldaob to join the Babeldaob Watershed Alliance and its commitment for the wise use and management of freshwater resources for its residents.

The Babeldaob Watershed Alliance was established when the traditional and elected leaders of the states of Ngeremlengui and Melekeok inked a Master Cooperative Agreement to establish the alliance on December 15, 2006.

The partnership purpose is to develop strategies for maintaining abundant and high

quality water in Babeldaob through care and management of watershed areas as well as in implementing conservation programs to protect the source of freshwater.

On November 20, 2007 Ngiwal State joined the alliance. Under the cooperative agreement of the alliance, the three states are guided by the vision and leadership of paramount chief Reklai Raphael Bao Ngirmang as well as the traditional and elected leaders of the member states, in ensuring wise use of water resources in their respective area.

The HOD in the House

Joint Resolution No. 7-89-35S which was referred to the Senate Committee on Capital Improvement Program on Tuesday's special session commended the states of Ngeremlengui, Melekeok, and Ngiwal for taking the lead in ensuring the future quality and quantity of water within their respective jurisdictions through an initiative known as Babeldaob Watershed Alliance.

The joint resolution also acknowledges the assistance provided by the Palau Conservation Society and The Nature Conservancy in support of the watershed protection alliance.

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