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REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

His Excellency President Jurelang Zedkaia Biographical Information

President Iroij Jurelang Zedkaia was born on July 13, 1950 in Majuro Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands.

President Jurelang Zedkaia attended Assumption Elementary School and went on to attend Marshall Islands High School (1966-1967) and continued his high school at Calvary Bible Institute (1967-1969).

President Jurelang Zedkaia has been a member of the Nitijela (Parliament) representing the people of Majuro Atoll for eighteen years (1991-Present). He first engaged into local politics when he was elected as representative from Majuro to the Second Constitutional Convention in 1991 and was also elected Senator immediately after the Second Constitutional Convention. In 1994, he again retained membership to the Third Constitutional Convention and in that same year through 1997, Zedkaia was nominated and elected as Vice Speaker for the Nitijela.

In 2000 through 2007, he was again elected by the people of Majuro Atoll as a senator and member of Nitijela. After the National election in 2007, January of 2008 he was elected Speaker of the Nitijela until recently in 2009 was elected the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. President Jurelang Zedkaia is the Fifth President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Prior to entering into local politics, President Jurelang Zedkaia worked at the Pharmacy in the Health Services for fifteen years and six years at Majuro Atoll Local Government as an Executive Councilmember with a portfolio for Health, Education, and Social Affairs.

His hobbies include fishing, bowling, and music.

President Jurelang Zedkaia is married to Hannah T. Jurelang Zedkaia and they have seven children and sixteen grandchildren.