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COUNTY CLERK

Mr. Danny Mateo, County Clerk
Office of the County Clerk
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Mateo:

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL CHAIR TO
CONDUCT A FISCAL AND PERFORMANCE
AUDIT OF THE USE, MANAGEMENT, AND
EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS RELATING
TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
COQUI FROG ERADICATION CONDUCTED BY
THE MAUI INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE**

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL CHAIR TO CONDUCT A FISCAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE USE, MANAGEMENT, AND EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND COQUI FROG ERADICATION CONDUCTED BY THE MAUI INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike White".

MIKE WHITE
Council Chair

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Attachment

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-433

Resolution

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**AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL CHAIR TO CONDUCT A
FISCAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE USE,
MANAGEMENT, AND EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS
RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND COQUI
FROG ERADICATION CONDUCTED BY THE MAUI INVASIVE
SPECIES COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-6 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended (“Charter”), the Council has the authority to conduct investigations of the operation of any department or function of the County and any subject upon which the Council may legislate; and

WHEREAS, Maui Invasive Species Committee (“MISC”) is a voluntary partnership of government, private and non-profit organizations, and concerned individuals working to prevent, control, or eliminate the most threatening invasive plant and animal species to protect Maui’s watersheds, ecological resources, agriculture, and community; and

WHEREAS, MISC is the recipient of two grants from the County of Maui Office of Economic Development relating to environmental protection and coqui frog eradication; and

WHEREAS, MISC was awarded Grant G4632 in Fiscal Year 2018 and Grant G4505 in Fiscal Year 2017 for \$895,000 each year, for environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grants are to control new and long-standing threats of invasive species to Maui and Molokai’s environment, agriculture, economy, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the grant supports MISC in its effort to control, contain, or eradicate 15 invasive plant species, including miconia calvescens; control banana bunchy top virus on Molokai; and prevent the establishment of little fire ants within Maui County through survey and control operations; and

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WHEREAS, MISC was also awarded Grant G4594 in Fiscal Year 2018 for \$750,000 and Grant G4504 in Fiscal Year 2017 for \$300,000, for coqui frog eradication; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grants are to control the coqui frog population, especially in areas near and around Maliko Gulch through removal by hand or with a citric acid solution; and

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii is the fiscal sponsor for MISC; and

WHEREAS, the County has received complaints regarding the spread of coqui frogs in the Haiku area; and

WHEREAS, members of the community have expressed concerns of the spread on invasive species and the need for better environmental protection; and

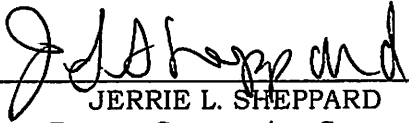
WHEREAS, a fiscal and performance audit of the use, management, and expenditure of public funds relating to the scope and purpose of the grants for environmental protection and coqui frog eradication would provide clarity of the effectiveness relating to the grants, and help to provide comprehensive knowledge of the progress in protecting our environment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby authorizes the Council Chair to contract for a fiscal and performance audit of the use, management, and expenditure of public funds relating to environmental protection and coqui frog eradication conducted by the Maui Invasive Species Committee; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Finance, and the Economic Development Coordinator.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



JERRIE L. SHEPPARD

Deputy Corporation Counsel

County of Maui

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