

# Resolution

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CONGRATULATING RETIRED POLICE CAPTAIN  
CHARLES HIRATA FOR BEING INDUCTED INTO  
THE 2018 CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY HALL  
OF FAME

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2018 retired Maui Police Captain Charles Hirata was inducted into the 2018 Child Passenger Safety Hall of Fame at the Kids in Motion Conference in Broomfield, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Manufacturers Alliance for Child Passenger Safety recognizes leaders from all areas of child passenger safety, including manufacturers, advocates, designers, researchers, and many others; and commends them for their indelible impressions left on the safety of their community and the nation; and

WHEREAS, as the Commander of the Department of Police's Traffic Section, Mr. Hirata saw how the misuse and non-use of child seats led to otherwise preventable tragedies; and

WHEREAS, seeing children injured, and even killed, in car crashes spurred Mr. Hirata to provide the vital service of teaching parents and caregivers the importance of properly using child restraints; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirata became the first certified child passenger safety technician in the state in 1997, and he became one of the first child passenger safety instructors in the state in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirata taught child passenger safety training classes in Hawaii, Guam, Saipan, and American Samoa, and he was also known for carrying spare child seats in his police vehicle to provide to families in need if he came across unsecured children in the field; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirata also made it a priority to obtain and distribute child restraints to rural districts on Molokai and Lanai and ensured they each had a fitting station for educating the community on installing child restraints; and

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WHEREAS, when Hawaii's child restraint law only covered children through age three, Mr. Hirata was a strong proponent of the bill which changed state law to require children through age seven to use a child restraint or booster seat; and

WHEREAS, in addition to child passenger safety, Mr. Hirata's work in community safety includes being honored by MADD for his efforts to combat impaired driving and to prevent underage drinking in Maui County; developing a program to use the Preliminary Breath Test in Maui County; helping to raise the County's seatbelt use rate to one of the highest in the country; and serving on the State Strategic Highway Safety Plan, the State Highway Safety Council, and with the Statewide Child Passenger Safety Coordinators; and

WHEREAS, while he retired in 2010, Mr. Hirata still serves as the child passenger safety coordinator in Maui County and continues to organize monthly free child safety seat checkups; and

WHEREAS, Charles Hirata's exceptional dedication and compassion for the safety of the residents has brought pride and honor to the people of the County of Maui; now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby congratulates retired Police Captain Charles Hirata for being inducted into the 2018 Child Passenger Safety Hall of Fame; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Charles Hirata; Tivoli Faaumu, Chief of Police, County of Maui; and the Honorable Alan M. Arakawa, Mayor, County of Maui.