

# Resolution

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CONGRATULATING VILI TOLUTA`U FOR  
BEING NAMED MOST VALUABLE PLAYER  
AT THE FINAL GAME OF THE 2018  
MAJOR LEAGUE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

WHEREAS, Vili Toluta`u was named Most Valuable Player at the final game of the Major League Rugby Championship series on July 7, 2018, at Torero Stadium in San Diego, California; and

WHEREAS, Vili Toluta`u, a 2012 Baldwin High School graduate, began his rugby career in the pitch at Kahului Community Center alongside his older brother Samuela and fellow Mauians Andrew Malafu and Pila Taufu, who both went on to play professionally in Europe; and

WHEREAS, Vili's rugby skills caught the attention of a Central Washington University recruiter who offered him a rugby scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Vili earned All-American honors twice during his high school career and six times playing with the Central Washington Wildcats; and

WHEREAS, prior to graduation in June from Central Washington University, Vili was signed by the Seattle Seawolves to play as a professional for Major League Rugby; and

WHEREAS, Major League Rugby is an American professional rugby competition consisting of seven teams which began its first season in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Vili Toluta`u and his Seattle Seawolves teammates came from behind in the final minutes of the match to claim the championship in a 23-19 win against the season front-runner, Glendale Raptors; and

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WHEREAS, Vili is the first Maui player to be selected for the United States Men's National Team, where he played at the international level for the USA Eagles in their recent win over Canada; and

WHEREAS, Vili Toluta`u's continued dedication, exceptional performance, and outstanding achievements have 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 Vili Toluta`u for being named Most Valuable Player at the final game of the 2018 Major League Rugby Championship series; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Vili Toluta`u; Shane Skinner, President and Owner, Seattle Seawolves Rugby; Jack Breen, President, Maui Rugby Organization; Joe Balangitao, Jr., Executive Director, Maui Interscholastic League; and the Honorable Alan M. Arakawa, Mayor, County of Maui.