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Honorable Mike White, Chair
Maui County Council
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair White:

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER-CITY
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SAN CRISTOBAL (CHATHAM) ISLAND –
GALAPAGOS, REPUBLIC OF THE ECUADOR**

I am transmitting the following proposed resolution:

“ESTABLISHING A SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SAN CRISTOBAL
(CHATHAM) ISLAND – GALAPAGOS, REPUBLIC OF THE ECUADOR”

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to formalize a sister-city relationship between the County of Maui and the Galapagos Islands to strengthen the bonds initiated through cultural exchange, business, education, environmental studies, economic exchanges, and furthering the ties of friendship, lasting cultural embrace and promoting understanding and goodwill.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Chief of Staff, Lynn Araki-Regan, at 270-7855.

Sincerely,

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
Mayor, County of Maui

Attachment:

cc: Keith Regan, Managing Director
Teena Rasmussen, Economic Development Director
Tiffany Iida, President, Maui County Sister Cities Foundation
The Honorable Eliecer Cruz, Governor, Galapagos Islands

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-397

Resolution

No. _____

ESTABLISHING A SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
SAN CRISTOBAL (CHATHAM) ISLAND – GALAPAGOS,
REPUBLIC OF THE ECUADOR

WHEREAS, Section 46-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, United States of America, to establish ties of friendship, understanding and goodwill with Sister Cities by resolutions duly adopted by the Council of the County of Maui; and

WHEREAS, in April 2005, after an official visit to Maui by the Honorable Pedro A. Zapata, Mayor of San Cristobal (Chatham) Island – Galapagos, Republic of Ecuador, both Mayor Pedro A. Zapata and Mayor Alan M. Arakawa agreed to establish a Friendship City relationship, which has elevated tremendously in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui and San Cristobal (Chatham) Island – Galapagos share a long, deep interest in preserving and protecting the most vital and iconic coastal marine resources so that future generations can enjoy and learn from them; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Friendship City relationship in 2005, upon receiving permission from the Kahoolawe Island Restoration Council, various policy makers and scientists from San Cristobal (Chatham) Island – Galapagos have visited the waters off Kahoolawe to study a species of butterfly fish found in both the waters off Kahoolawe and San Cristobal (Chatham) Island – Galapagos; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Friendship City relationship, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Sanctuary Program has hosted managers and scientists from San Cristobal (Chatham) Island – Galapagos to visit national marine sanctuaries to assist in the development of partnerships; and

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WHEREAS, after departing Balboa, Panama in 2017, the Hōkūle‘a and her crew made an important mission stop to San Cristobal (Chatham) Island – Galapagos, Republic of the Ecuador which took approximately ten days; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Hōkūle‘a and her crew’s visit to San Cristobal (Chatham) Island – Galapagos, Republic of the Ecuador was to recognize the island’s sustainability efforts, its many parallels with Hawai‘i, and the importance of bringing attention to science, evolution, and protecting the earth’s most fragile natural resources; and

WHEREAS, a contingent of students and teachers from a number of Hawai‘i schools traveled to SAN CRISTOBAL (CHATHAM) ISLAND – GALAPAGOS, REPUBLIC OF THE ECUADOR to work with the crew of Hōkūle‘a; and

WHEREAS, Kihei Charter School is in the process of developing and implementing a “pen pal” relationship with students in Galapagos to promote lasting global friendships, peace through mutual respond, understanding, and cooperation, and to create a real connection across the vast Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui is pleased and honored to receive steadfast intent by officials from San Cristobal (Chatham) Island – Galapagos and support from County of Maui residents to establish sisterhood ties, to mutually promote and enhance trade, tourism, culture, and education; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a sister-city relationship with the San Cristobal (Chatham) Island – Galapagos will bring about a greater bond and bridge of understanding between the people of the San Cristobal (Chatham) Island – Galapagos and the County of Maui; now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby authorizes the Mayor of the County to formalize a sister-city relationship between the County and San Cristobal (Chatham) Island – Galapagos for the purpose of strengthening the bonds initiated through cultural, business, education and economic exchanges, furthering the ties of friendship and promoting enduring goodwill between the people of Maui County and the people of the San Cristobal (Chatham) Island – Galapagos; and

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2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Lenin Moreno, President, Republic of Ecuador; Sandra Naranjo, Minister of Tourism of Ecuador; Richard Martinez, Minister of Environment of Ecuador; H.E. Mr. Diego Morejon Pazmino, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations; Efrain Baus, Charge d’Affairs – Embassy of Ecuador; Ambassador Jacqueline Brigida Astudillo, Embassy of Ecuador; Minister, the Honorable Eliecer Cruz, Governor, Galapagos Islands; Ab. Pedro Zapata R. Alcalde; Swen Lorenz, Executive Director, Charles Darwin Foundation; Albatross Foundation; Dr. Diego Quiroga, Vice President, San Francisco de Quito University; Johannah Barry, President, Galapagos Conservancy; Thomas S. Mullikin, Esq., Allen Tom, Regional Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries; the Honorable David Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; the Honorable J. Kalani English, State Senator; Dr. Lui Hokoana, Chancellor, University of Hawaii – Maui College; the Honorable Alan M. Arakawa, Mayor, County of Maui; Mr. Luis P. Salaveria, Director, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism; Tiffany Iida, President, Maui County Sister Cities Foundation; and Teena Rasmussen, Director of the Office of Economic Development, County of Maui; Ms. Anita Sexton, Office of Secretary of State, State of Louisiana; Kihei Charter School; and Ms. Adele Rugg.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



EDWARD S. KUSHI, JR.

Department of the Corporation Counsel

County of Maui

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