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CONGRATULATING JESSICA GLEASON, 2019 LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Jessica Gleason, librarian at the Wailuku Public Library and the Maui Holoholo Bookmobile, was named 2019 Librarian of the Year by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii at its annual meeting on February 20, 2020, held at the Hawaii State Library; and

WHEREAS, the Librarian of the Year award recognizes outstanding librarians from the Hawaii State Public Library System; and

WHEREAS, individuals are nominated by the public, and interviewed and chosen by the Librarian of the Year and Excellence in Service Committee of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Gleason was one of 25 librarians from around the State to be nominated for the Librarian of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, she began her library career in 2003 as a Substitute Library Assistant III at the Makawao Public Library, and then was transferred to the Wailuku Public Library in 2005 as a permanent hire; and

WHEREAS, after receiving her Master of Library Science degree in 2007, Jessica temporarily filled in as the Acting Branch Manager at the Kihei Public Library, where she learned the challenges and rewards of managing a large, well-used, and well-loved facility, and was eventually offered a permanent position in 2011; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2016, she was hired as the Bookmobile Librarian for the new Holoholo Bookmobile, a \$300,000, state-of-the-art vehicle based at the Wailuku Public Library, with the capacity to hold 3,000 books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, and periodicals; and

WHEREAS, there had not been a Bookmobile Librarian position for more than 20 years, so when the opportunity came along, Jessica jumped at the chance to obtain her dream job and be able to bring library resources to places without library access, such as community centers,

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nursing homes, senior housing communities, the correctional facility, public and private schools, and several preschools; and

WHEREAS, a patron of the Wailuku Public Library commented: “We have had the greatest of fortunes in knowing Miss Jessica when she was the Branch Manager at Kihei Library. Since she has been at Wailuku Library, it’s as if all of the magic within the walls has come back to life again. We love to see her on the Bookmobile in the community, helping those that aren’t able to get to a Hawaii State Public Library. However, when she is at Wailuku Library, she still has a way of captivating the young readers’ minds”; and

WHEREAS, Jessica resides in Pukalani with her husband of 16 years, Matthew, and their twin boys, Lucas and Liam; and

WHEREAS, through her commitment and dedication, Jessica Gleason 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 Jessica Gleason for being named 2019 Librarian of the Year; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Jessica Gleason; Stacey Aldrich, Hawaii State Librarian; Lynnae Lee, President, the Friends of the Library of Hawaii; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.