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EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO COUNCILMEMBER ELLE COCHRAN

WHEREAS, Councilmember Elle Cochran will be leaving office on January 2, 2019, having served on the Council from the West Maui residency area for four consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Cochran was born and raised in Lahaina, Hawaii, where she is a small-business owner and operator of the oldest surf shop on Maui, and lives “off the grid” in Honolua Valley; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Cochran has served as the Chair of the Infrastructure Management Committee (2011-2013 Council term) and for the last three Council terms, the Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure in office, Councilmember Cochran represented the County of Maui on the National Association of Counties Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee; and the Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, under President Obama, Councilmember Cochran served on the National Ocean Council’s Governance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Cochran has received prestigious accolades while in office, including the 2018 Woman of Excellence award from the County of Maui’s Committee on the Status of Women; and

WHEREAS, ever dedicated to public service and advocating for her community, Councilmember Cochran was the founder of the Save Honolua Coalition; a founding member of FACE Maui; an active member of Na Kia`i O Waine`e, caretakers of the Waiola graveyard, which serves as the final resting place for many members of Hawaiian royalty; and a board member of Waiola Church, the oldest church on Maui; and

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WHEREAS, Councilmember Cochran is an avid ocean enthusiast and champion for the environment and her community; and

WHEREAS, during her time as a Councilmember, she introduced a bill to prohibit the sale and use of sunscreen containing oxybenzone and octinoxate; shepherded a bill banning polystyrene; and introduced a bill to require an expert on Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices on each planning commission and to require commission members to receive Native Hawaiian law training courses; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Councilmember Cochran introduced a bill to establish a special management area revolving fund to support beach access and solutions to sea level rise and erosion; and facilitated the passage of a bill to ensure responsible development on steep terrain; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Cochran also spearheaded a pesticide-free parks pilot project and countywide interagency pesticide-free land management trainings; and

WHEREAS, during the 2015–2017 Council term she also chaired the Temporary Investigative Group on Increasing Housing Inventory and secured funding for services to assist in better enforcement of short-term rental regulations; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Cochran’s diverse range of experiences and personal accomplishments include 32 years working in the visitor industry, and becoming a black belt in Taekwondo; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Cochran’s dedication to public service and tireless efforts have helped to improve the lives of our citizens now and for generations to come; now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby expresses its appreciation to Councilmember Elle Cochran for her leadership and dedicated service on the Maui County Council, and for her outstanding public service to the people of the County of Maui and the State of Hawaii; and

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2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Councilmember Elle Cochran; her husband, Wayne Cochran; her mother, Frances Kellett; her brother, Jefferson Kellett; the State's delegation to the United States Congress; the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; and the County's delegation to the State Legislature.

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