

# Resolution

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## CONGRATULATING MAUI COUNTY WINNERS AT THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NA PO`E PA`AHANA AWARDS

WHEREAS, the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association recognized six hotel workers, from various Maui County properties, who won first place at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Na Po`e Pa`ahana Awards held on January 9, 2020, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort; and

WHEREAS, hosted by the Hawaii Tourism & Lodging Association, the event honors individuals who have contributed to the visitor industry through their professionalism, their engagement with the community, and the way in which they have consistently embodied the Aloha Spirit; and

WHEREAS, the Na Po`e Pa`ahana Awards are known throughout the visitor industry as the “Grammy” event for hotel workers; and

WHEREAS, first-place honors went to the following employees:

- Gemsley Balagso, The Westin Nanea Ocean Villas Resort, for Food & Beverage Person of the Year (Medium Property, 200-450 rooms);
- Mundy Gillcoat, The Westin Ka`anapali Ocean Resort Villas, for Engineering & Maintenance Person of the Year (Large Property, over 450 rooms);
- Giadee Kaiwi, The Westin Maui Resort & Spa, for Front Office Person of the Year (Large Property, over 450 rooms);
- Tylun Pang, The Fairmont Kea Lani, Maui, for Chef/Restaurateur of the Year;
- Kyle “Kalani” Tihada, Napili Kai Beach Resort, for Engineering & Maintenance Person of the Year (Small Property, under 200 rooms); and
- Kirk Togashi, Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa, for Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year; and

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WHEREAS, the dedication and commitment by these hard-working individuals 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 congratulates the Maui winners at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Na Po`e Pa`ahana Awards; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Gemsley Balagso; Mundy Gillcoat; Giadee Kaiwi; Tylun Pang; Kyle "Kalani" Tihada; Kirk Togashi; the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.