

# Resolution

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## EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE DAVID “BUDDY” NOBRIGA

WHEREAS, David “Buddy” Nobriga, a strong community leader and well-respected businessman, passed away on November 8, 2017, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, the passing of a beloved figure with a life-time of service to the Maui County community, calls for a period of reflection and appreciation of his many accomplishments and contributions; and

WHEREAS, David “Buddy” Nobriga was born on December 7, 1926 to Manuel and Emily Nobriga, the eldest of four children; and

WHEREAS, the Nobriga family first arrived as Portuguese immigrants in 1886 and now have six generations rooted on Maui; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of St. Anthony High School, Buddy began his business career working part-time at Maui Soda & Ice Works, a company founded in 1888 and purchased by the Nobriga family in 1946; and

WHEREAS, following the retirement of his father in 1971, Buddy was named president of Maui Soda & Ice Works and became chief executive officer ten years later; and

WHEREAS, together with his father, Manuel Nobriga, they formed Nobriga’s Ranch, Inc., where Buddy served as the president and chairman of the company since 1981; and

WHEREAS, although Buddy officially retired from the family businesses in 1998, he remained chairman of the board of directors and was seen at his desk every morning; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his family businesses, Buddy was actively involved in the community, received countless awards and recognitions, and served on numerous boards and commissions; and

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WHEREAS, for 54 years, Buddy was involved with the West Maui Soil & Conservation District, serving for 50 years as chairman and for his outstanding work, received national recognition in 2009 by the Environmental Protection Agency as an environmental hero; and

WHEREAS, as an advocate and lobbyist for Hawaii's cattlemen, Buddy provided legislation at the state and national levels, including laws to promote beef products and meat inspections; and

WHEREAS, through his dedication and commitment to the cattle industry, he pushed to establish the Maui Cattleman's Association, an organization he served as the president for ten years and later served as the president of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council for four years; and

WHEREAS, Buddy dedicated his life to also serving his community through the Maui County Board of Water Supply (20 years of service, serving as chairman from 1969 - 1973 and 1975 - 1980), the State Water Commission, the Department of Agriculture, the Federal Land Bank Association of Hawaii, now known as Farm Credit Services (36 years of service, 26 years as chairman), and the Maui County Fair Racing Association; and

WHEREAS, his well-deserved accolades include inductions into the Paniolo Hall of Fame in 2001 and Hawaii Restaurant Association Hall of Fame in 2013; the 2002 Maui County Council Boy Scouts of America's Distinguished Citizen Award; the first recipient ever to receive the Friend of Agriculture Award and Maui Weekly's Person of the Year Award; numerous recognitions from the Maui County Council, for his dedication and hard work with the West Maui Soil & Conservation District and Tri-Isle Resource Conservation & Development Council, and most importantly, the honor of being named the "2014 Family-Owned Business of the Year" by the U.S. Small Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Buddy will also be posthumously awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Hawaii Cattleman's Council; and

WHEREAS, with his many achievements, David "Buddy" Nobriga was first and foremost a family man supported by the love of his late wife of 62 years, Barbara Eberly; they were blessed with five children, Michael, Catherine, James "Jay", David, and Robert; eight grandchildren, Buddy

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James Nobriga, Michael Francis Kim, Ethan Kim, Charleene Nobriga, Kaitlin Kim, Rick Alan Nobriga, Joshua Nobriga, and Jaelynn Nobriga; and three great-grandchildren, Mahinatea Nobriga, Buddy Nobriga, and James Nobriga; and

WHEREAS, Buddy was a kind-hearted, generous, and compassionate man with deep core values of family, business, and community service which he instilled into his children; and

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Maui have benefited by this great community leader, extraordinary businessman, and by the generosity of his family in sharing him with so many others in the community; now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby extends its condolences and deepest sympathy to the family of the late David "Buddy" Nobriga; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.