

Resolution

No. 25-212

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE NATALIE “TASHA” KAMA

WHEREAS, Council Presiding Officer Pro Tempore Natalie “Tasha” Kama, a respected community leader and elected official, passed away on October 26, 2025, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, the passing of a woman of such stature is a time to reflect upon and appreciate her many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Kama was born on August 14, 1952, at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu to Clarence and Ruth Kamai and moved to Maui in 1983; and

WHEREAS, a proud and loving mother, Councilmember Kama and her husband, the late David Kama, had 11 children: Daviane, Davenat, Davileigh, Daveana, Davideane, David Jr., Daverine, Davilene, Jeremiah-Nathanael, Davery, and the late Davelyn; and

WHEREAS, a deeply faithful woman, Councilmember Kama served as an Assistant Pastor and then Senior Pastor of the Christian Ministry Church and as a social justice organizer with Faith Action for Community Equity Maui; and

WHEREAS, determined to serve her community, Councilmember Kama was elected to the Maui County Council seat for the Kahului residency area in 2018 and reelected in 2020, 2022, and 2024; and

WHEREAS, her colleagues selected her to serve in a leadership role as the Council’s Presiding Officer Pro Tempore throughout her tenure; and

WHEREAS, while on the Council, Councilmember Kama served as Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee, the Human Concerns and Parks Committee, and the Housing and Land Use Committee; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Kama was wholeheartedly dedicated to public service and worked with the ‘Īao Intermediate School Parent Teacher Student Association, the American Diabetes Association Awakening the Spirit Team, the Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific

Resolution No. 25-212

Islander Coalition, the Hawaii State Council of Developmental Disabilities, and Voices of Micronesians on Maui; and

WHEREAS, a tireless advocate for Native Hawaiians and Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries, Councilmember Kama:

- helped form the Waiohuli-Kēōkea Homestead Associations;
- served as a founding member and past President of the Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homelands Assembly, now known as the Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations, and Na Po'e Kokua;
- was appointed to the Hawaiian Sovereignty Advisory Commission, which later became the Hawaiian Sovereignty Elections Council;
- was Chair and Vice-Chair of the National Association of County Finance, Pensions & Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Steering Committee's Subcommittee on Tribal-County Relations; and
- was a founding member of the National Association of Native County Leaders and Allies, a National Association of Counties affinity organization; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Kama, a woman who inspired people of all ages, was a 2015 graduate of the University of Hawai'i Maui College, serving as Student Government President for several years before graduating and was recognized by Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. as a Kupuna Advocate of the Year in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Maui have benefited from the actions of this great woman, a leader who treated everyone with compassion and aloha and dedicated her life to her faith and her community; now, therefore.

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

1. That it extends its condolences and deepest sympathy to the family of the late Natalie "Tasha" Kama; and

Resolution No. 25-212

2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to her children, Daviane Kama, Davenat Fernandez, Davileigh Naeole, Daveana Kama-Fischer, Davideane Kama-Sickels, David Kama Jr., Daverine Sassaman, Davilene Kama, Jeremiah-Nathanael Kama, Daverry Kama, and Evan Dust; her siblings, Larry Kamai, Terry Kamai, Serine Feliciano, Duane Kamai, Paul Kamai, Matthew Kailihou, and Nayleen Kamai; and her grandchildren, Kerri-Lyn Abarra, Alexis Miyamoto, Kaylene Naeole, Stellamae Sickels, Arieleeana Kama, Ali'iula Kekauoha-Kama, Sara Rae Kama-Sassaman, and Andrew Dust.

INTRODUCED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee", is written over a horizontal line.

ALICE L. LEE