

# Resolution

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CONGRATULATING OFFICER MARVIN TEVAGA  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE FOR  
RECEIVING THE 2018 FLOYD LEDBETTER  
NATIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OF  
THE YEAR AWARD

WHEREAS, the Floyd Ledbetter National School Resource Officer of the Year Award recognizes a school resource officer who has made a specific and significant contribution to the officer's local town, city, county, or school district as nominated by peers, supervisors, school, school district, students, and faculty; and

WHEREAS, during the opening ceremonies of its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual School Safety Conference held in Reno, Nevada, on June 25, 2018, the National Association of School Resource Officers ("NASRO") honored Officer Marvin Tevaga of Wailuku, Maui, currently a school resource officer at King Kekaulike High School, with the Floyd Ledbetter National Resource Officer of the Year Award, before at least 1,000 police officers and educators present at the conference; and

WHEREAS, of his many accomplishments, Officer Tevaga was instrumental in organizing a shoe drive campaign for children in India and personally delivered the shoes during his vacation at his own expense; served as a volunteer referee with the Maui Police Athletic League's youth flag football program; led school traffic safety awareness and education programs, including campaigns to promote the awareness of distracted driving dangers; and helped to protect students from illegal drugs by executing several search warrants, all of which led to arrests of adults on charges related to selling drugs to juveniles; and

WHEREAS, perhaps his most noteworthy accomplishment occurred in August 2015 when Officer Tevaga helped save the life of a student who suffered cardiac arrest while at school by performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation for four minutes before the once-pulseless student started breathing on his own; and

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WHEREAS, the path to Officer Tevaga becoming a school resource officer was paved by the positive influence of now-retired school resource officer Myrna Sabas while Officer Tevaga was a student at Lahainaluna High School; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tevaga's number one goal when he became a police officer was to become a school resource officer so he could pass on the aloha and grace that were shared with him and help to bridge the gap between law enforcement and youth; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional performance and dedication of Officer Marvin Tevaga 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 hereby congratulates Officer Marvin Tevaga of the Department of Police for receiving the 2018 Floyd Ledbetter National School Resource Officer of the Year Award; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Officer Marvin Tevaga; Tivoli Faaumu, Chief of Police; Myrna Sabas, Retired Officer; Mark Elliott, King Kekaulike High School Principal; the Honorable David Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; and the Honorable Alan M. Arakawa, Mayor of the County of Maui.