COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

# POLICY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

December 4, 2015

**Committee Report No.** 15-170

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, having met on November 16, 2015, makes reference to County Communication 15-279, from the Chief of Police, transmitting a proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF A SCENT TRACKING DOG TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI POLICE DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3.56, MAUI COUNTY CODE."

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to accept a scent-tracking dog, valued at $5,000, from Friends of the Missing Child Center-Hawaii, for the Department of Police.

Your Committee notes Chapter 3.56, Maui County Code, requires Council approval by resolution for acceptance of any gift or donation.

The Assistant Chief of Police informed your Committee the scent-tracking dog is a labrador retriever, trained to locate living persons, which will be assigned to a special response team to search for missing persons and fugitives. He stated there is at least one missing person case each month, and the County does not have a scent-tracking dog currently.

In response to your Committee's questions, the Assistant Chief further explained the dog will be housed at kennels at an officer's residence, the Kahului airport, and police stations. He said the costs of maintaining the dog will be minimal relative to the benefits received.

Your Committee recognized acceptance of the dog will greatly enhance the County's capabilities in locating missing persons and

expressed its gratitude to the Friends of the Missing Child Center-Hawaii for the donation.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution and filing of the communication. Committee Chair Victorino, Vice-Chair Couch, and members Baisa, Carroll, Cochran, and White voted "aye." Committee members Crivello, Guzman, and Hokama were excused.

Your Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF A SCENT TRACKING DOG TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI POLICE DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3.56, MAUI COUNTY CODE," be ADOPTED; and

2. That County Communication 15-279 be FILED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.

Michael P Victorino

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, Chair

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# Resolution

**No. _____**

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF A SCENT TRACKING DOG TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI POLICE DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3.56, MAUI COUNTY CODE

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Missing Child Center-Hawaii has purchased a scent tracking dog and wishes to donate the scent tracking dog to the County of Maui Police Department, as reflected in Exhibit "1", attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the scent tracking dog is approximately FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($5,000); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3.56, Maui County Code, authorizes the Council to accept gifts and donations on behalf of the County; now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby expresses its appreciation and accepts the aforesaid donation on behalf of the County of Maui; and

2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Finance, the Chief of Police, and the Friends of the Missing Child Center-Hawaii.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:

JERRIE L. SHEPPARD
Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui
2015-5139

FRIENDS
of the Missing Child
Center-Hawaii

August 19, 2015

The Honorable Tivoli Faaumu
Chief of Police
Maui Police Department
55 Mahalani Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chief Faaumu:

I am happy to inform you that the Friends of the Missing Child Center-Hawaii has raised enough funds to purchase a scent tracking dog for the Maui Police Department. Public Safety Dogs in North Carolina has chosen Labrador named Falcon. The dog is valued at $5000.

Once we get the final approval to have the dogs shipped over, we will notify your police department. The Missing Child Center-Hawaii is in the process of finalizing the arrangements for the dog. Please feel free to contact Charlene Takeno at the Missing Child Center-Hawaii at 808-587-4113, should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Sam Aiona
President

*Board Members: Sam Aiona, Lynne Aki, Joe Allen, Lisa Barnes, Jr Buenconsejo, Kathryn Chung, Lesley Fukushima, Dan Hartenstein, Chad Koyanagi, Karen Lau Baptist, Marilyn Lee, Erin Mitsuyoshi, PJ Moore, Sara Platte, Gaylen Shintaku, Holly Toguchi*

EXHIBIT "1"

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