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Honorable Tasha Kama, Chair Human Concerns and Parks Committee Council of the County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Kama:

Respectfully transmitted is a copy of Resolution No. 22-143, entitled "SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF WAILUKU TOWN AS AN ARTS DISTRICT" that was referred to your Committee by the Council of the County of Maui at its meeting of May 26, 2022.

Respectfully,

KATHY L. KAOHU County Clerk

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Enclosure

cc: Director of Council Services

Resolution

No. 22-143

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF WAILUKU TOWN AS AN ARTS DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Wailuku Town has a unique historical character and significance, and a long tradition of community engagement, arts, architecture, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Wailuku's revitalization plans, activities, and investments began in the 1980's and continue through actions outlined in the 2000 Wailuku Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Wailuku Town piloted the SMALL TOWN * BIG ART initiative, providing the County with goals, initiatives, and actions to support and enhance arts and culture in Wailuku; and

WHEREAS, the Wailuku Redevelopment Area provides a strong foundation for an Arts District as a home to existing arts and cultural resources within businesses, nonprofit organizations, community centers, and events; and

WHEREAS, Maui County has a strong network of partners in place and new partnerships being developed to assist in the formation and direction of Wailuku Town as an Arts District, including, among many others, Maui Academy of Performing Arts, the Historic Tao Theater, Hālau of 'Ōiwi Art, and Wailuku First Friday; and

WHEREAS, an arts designation will serve as an economic driver for revitalization, provide opportunities to experience and celebrate the arts on Maui, foster a greater sense of community, invigorate public spaces, enhance diversity, and build upon an already active local arts and culture movement; and

WHEREAS, the process of designating and sustaining an Arts District is designed to be community-driven and collaborative; now, therefore,

Resolution No. 22-143

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

- 1. That it supports the designation of Wailuku Town as an Arts District;
- 2. That it recognizes the many community partners, arts organizations, and artists leading the effort to build and bring greater awareness to Maui County's vibrant arts and culture scene; and
- 3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Kelly McHugh-White, Chair, Maui Public Art Corps; Erin Wade, Chief of Planning and Development, Department of Management, County of Maui; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.

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