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April 24, 2018

The Honorable Mike White
Council Chair
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair White:

SUBJECT: **URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT THE
RESTORATION AND REVITALIZATION OF MAUI
COUNTY FISHPONDS** (PAF 18-132)

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT THE RESTORATION AND REVITALIZATION OF MAUI COUNTY FISHPONDS," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacy Crivello", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

STACY CRIVELLO
Councilmember

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Attachment

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-165

Resolution

No. _____

URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT THE RESTORATION AND REVITALIZATION OF MAUI COUNTY FISHPONDS

WHEREAS, traditional Hawaiian fishponds or loko i`a represent one of the world's most important and successful aquaculture achievements; and

WHEREAS, today, the remains of many of those fishponds are unrepairable, but some could be restored to active production; and

WHEREAS, the restoration and revitalization of loko i`a will perpetuate Native Hawaiian cultural practices, provide employment and educational opportunities, and increase the local fish supply; and

WHEREAS, the first loko i`a was built by Ku`ula Kai and Hina puku-i`a, residents of Leho-ula, in the district of Hana, Maui over 700 years ago; and

WHEREAS, loko i`a are important components of the traditional land stewardship framework, or ahupu`aa, and contribute to a healthy and robust food system; and

WHEREAS, loko i`a, are notable examples of early Hawaiian skill and ingenuity; and

WHEREAS, loko i`a, are a unique aquaculture system designed to optimize the natural patterns of watersheds, nutrient cycles, and fish biology; and

WHEREAS, loko i`a are used for farming fish and can only be found along Hawai'i's shorelines; and

WHEREAS, loko i`a are critical resources for the Hawaiian community and provided primary sources of protein for early Hawaiians; and

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WHEREAS, once restored, loko i`a will be used to raise fish and hold them for re-stocking and enhancement of Maui's extensive reef systems; and

WHEREAS, increasing the supply of fish will help improve Maui County's food security and promote local sustainable economic development opportunities for the County's rural communities; and

WHEREAS, there are 44 loko i`a on Maui, 74 loko i`a on Moloka'i, and 4 loko i`a on Lana'i; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2012, the Hawaii State Legislature adopted Senate Resolution No. 86, which urged the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Health, and Office of Planning to streamline the permitting process for the restoration of loko i`a; and

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

1. That it hereby urges the Administration to support the restoration and revitalization of Maui County's loko i`a; and
2. That it hereby supports efforts to restore Maui County's loko i`a; and
3. That certified copies be transmitted to the Honorable Alan M. Arakawa, Mayor of the County of Maui, Hui o Kuapa, Ka Honua Momona, and Hui Malama Loko i`a.