

Resolution

No. _____

CONGRATULATING LĀNA‘I ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS FOR RECEIVING THE FREDDIE G AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ACTING AT THE 2019 JUNIOR THEATER FESTIVAL WEST

WHEREAS, Lāna‘i Academy of Performing Arts students earned the Freddie G Award, among other individual recognitions, at the 2019 Junior Theater Festival West, which took place February 8-10, 2019 at the Sacramento Convention Center and the Wells Fargo Pavilion in Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, Lāna‘i Academy of Performing Arts was founded in 2013 by Mr. Matt Glickstein, and is the only after school performing arts program on Lāna‘i; and

WHEREAS, Lāna‘i Academy of Performing Arts took a group of 19 students, ages 8-18 years old, to the 2019 Junior Theater Festival West, which consisted of over 2,000 students and educators from 44 educational musical theater groups representing 15 states and South Korea; and

WHEREAS, Lāna‘i Academy of Performing Arts became the first group of students from Hawaii to ever attend a Junior Theater Festival; and

WHEREAS, Lāna‘i Academy of Performing Arts earned the Freddie G Award for Excellence in Acting after presenting selections from *Shrek The Musical JR* for Broadway actress Jenifer Foote and composer, music director and orchestrator Deborah Wicks La Puma, and;

WHEREAS, Lāna‘i Academy of Performing Arts students Adam Purdy and Alekah Pascua were named to the Junior Theater Festival All-Stars, made up of outstanding performers attending the festival; and

WHEREAS, Purdy and Pascua, along with the Junior Theater Festival All-Stars performed a song during the closing ceremony for all 2,000 festival attendees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Matt Glickstein was awarded The Broadway Junior Spirit Award, one of the highest individual honors at the Junior Theater Festival, given to a person who has shown that a musical is an opportunity to make a positive, life-long impact on a young person’s life; and

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WHEREAS, the hard work, dedication, and outstanding performances of the Lānaʻi Academy of Performing Arts, Mr. Matt Glickstein, and his students, have brought pride and honor to the people of Lānaʻi and Maui County; now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby congratulates the Lānaʻi Academy of Performing Arts for receiving the Freddie G Award for Excellence in Acting at the 2019 Junior Theater Festival West; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to members of the Lānaʻi Academy of Performing Arts and Director Matt Glickstein; Elton Kinoshita, principal Lānaʻi High & Elementary School; the Junior Theater Festival Office; the Honorable Brian E. Schatz, United States Senator; the Honorable Mazie K. Hirono, United States Senator; the Honorable Tulsi Gabbard, United States Representative; the Honorable J. Kalani English, Hawaii State Senator; the Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Hawaii State Representative; the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.