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DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY

COUNTY OF MAUI 200 DAIRY ROAD KAHULUI, HI 96732

February 12, 2020

Honorable Michael P. Victorino Mayor, County of Maui 200 South High Street Wailuku, HI 96793

For Transmittal to:

Wailuku, HI 96793

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Honorable Alice L. Lee, Chair and Members of the Maui County Council 200 South High Street

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF \$80,000.00 FROM THE HAWAII PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, FOR THE PURCHASING OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3.56, MAUI COUNTY CODE

In accordance with Chapter 3.56, Maui County Code, the Hawaii Professional Firefighters Foundation wishes to grant a total of \$80,000.00 for the purchase of firefighting equipment.

Please find the enclosed proposed resolution to accept this grant.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call my office at (808) 270-7561.

Sincerely,

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DAVID C. THYNE Fire Chief

Enclosed

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 20-12

Resolution

No. _____

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WHEREAS, the Hawaii Professional Firefighters Foundation is an allvolunteer charitable foundation which raises funding to support Hawaii firefighters and their families in need; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Professional Firefighters Foundation wishes to donate \$80,000 to the Department of Fire and Public Safety for the purchase of firefighting equipment to enhance the ability to fight brush fires in Maui County; and

WHEREAS, the firefighting equipment to be purchased would include, but not be limited to 1) two (2) skid mount tank and pump assemblies for the Wailea Fire Station and the Kahului Fire Station and 2) two (2) utility task vehicles with skid mount units to be stationed at the Wailea Fire Station and the Kahului Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the donation offer letter from the Hawaii Professional Firefighters Foundation is attached hereto as Exhibit "1"; 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

Resolution No.

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 Fire, and the Hawaii Professional Firefighters Foundation.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

JENNICER M.P.E. OANA Deputy Corporation Counsel County of Maui 2020-0049



HAWAII PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

Chief David Thyne Department of Fire and Public Safety 200 Dairy Road Kahului, HI 96732

Re: Grant to Purchase Firefighting Equipment

Dear Chief Thyne:

The Hawaii Professional Firefighters Foundation is an all-volunteer charitable foundation developed by Hawaii Firefighters for Hawaii Firefighters, which raises funding to support any and all of Hawaii's firefighters and their families in need. We applied for a grant recently in a special effort to help support Maui County's Firefighters, and are honored to forward this formal proposal to assist the Maui County Department of Fire & Public Safety in the purchase of firefighting equipment to enhance the ability to fight brush fires in Maui County.

In response to our grant request, the Hawaii Professional Firefighters Foundation has received a \$100,000 donation from a charitable mainland foundation which requests to remain anonymous, but which asked that we make up to \$80,000 of this funding available for the purchase of several pieces of firefighting equipment, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Skid mount tank and pump assemblies x 2 for Wailea Fire Station and Kahului Fire Station - Approximately \$30,000
- (2) Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) with skid mount units x 2 to be stationed at Wailea Fire Station and at Kahului Fire Station. Approximately \$20,000

The purpose of this donation is to increase Maui Firefighters' capability to respond to and fight fires in the off-road environment. It is our hope to enhance the ability to fight fires in Maui's wildland and urban interface, and in the fallow fields that are not currently in agricultural use.



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We have had a similar mission statewide for several years, and have provided funding support for many firefighters and their families as they have faced floods, lava flows, cancer, housefires, storms, and even death, and we proudly continue to do so. We has been asked to manage this funding in the same way, but the entire amount, as well as any interest earned in the meantime, will remain specifically dedicated to meeting the needs of Maui Firefighters and their families in times of tragedy.

By way of this letter, we respectfully ask that Maui County accept this donation, and agree to enter into a partnership with the Hawaii Professional Firefighters Foundation which will: (1) allow us to assist in the purchase of equipment for the Maui Department of Fire & Public Safety, and (2) together oversee the distribution of emergency funds to your firefighters in times of need.

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Maryellen Markley, Ph.D. President, Hawaii Professional Firefighters Foundation (808) 561-8096



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