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The Honorable Alice L. Lee
Council Chair
County of Maui
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Dear Chair Lee:

SUBJECT: **SUPPORTING 'ĀINA ALOHA ECONOMIC FUTURES
INITIATIVE AND TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR
ECONOMY** (PAF 20-166)

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "SUPPORTING 'ĀINA ALOHA ECONOMIC FUTURES INITIATIVE AND TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly T. King". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KELLY TAKAYA KING
Councilmember

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Enclosure

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 20-333

Resolution

No. _____

SUPPORTING 'ĀINA ALOHA ECONOMIC FUTURES INITIATIVE AND TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus 2019, known as COVID-19, has spread globally at a rapid pace; and

WHEREAS, because of the rapid spread of COVID-19, Mayor Michael P. Victorino issued an emergency declaration for Maui County on March 4, 2020, and Governor David Y. Ige issued an emergency proclamation for the State of Hawaii on March 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 crisis creates the need for Hawai'i to reshape its economy; and

WHEREAS, the European Commission adopted a new Circular Economy Action Plan on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, according to an article from the *Honolulu Star Advertiser* on May 20, 2020, Germany, Copenhagen, and parts of China are adapting to a circular economy, producing products that can be repaired instead of discarded; and

WHEREAS, in the same article notes the 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures Declaration is the first part of an effort to create a different island economy based on centuries of island-based values; and

WHEREAS, the 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures Declaration was submitted to Governor David Y. Ige and Alan M. Oshima, Hawai'i's Economic and Community Recovery and Resiliency Navigator, on May 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, over 800 individuals, businesses, and organizations have expressed their support of the 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Michael P. Victorino is a signatory of the 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures Declaration; and

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WHEREAS, the State House Select Committee on COVID-19 Economic and Financial Preparedness was briefed on the 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures Initiative on June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures Initiative is a process of empowering community voices through community action to bring to life a resilient Hawai'i economy through the core value of 'āina aloha; and

WHEREAS, 'āina aloha represents a deep and abiding love for Hawai'i's communities and natural environment; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2020, Kamanamaikalani Beamer, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, led a presentation to the Council's Environmental, Agricultural, and Cultural Preservation Committee, entitled "Aloha 'Āina and Circular Economies"; and

WHEREAS, according to Dr. Beamer, components of a circular economy include:

- a regenerative and equitable economic system;
- decoupling of economic growth from environmental degradation;
- meaningful work while rejuvenating the environment;
- keeping materials and resources in the economy for as long as possible while preserving their value; and
- minimization of waste; and

WHEREAS, part of building a circular economy in Hawai'i involves incorporating aloha 'āina; and

WHEREAS, the principles of the 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures Initiative appear compatible with the values expressed in Resolution 19-209, "ACKNOWLEDGING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND COMMITTING TO AN IMMEDIATE JUST TRANSITION AND EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE"; and now, therefore,

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

1. That it supports the principles of the 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures Initiative and transition to a circular economy;
2. That it looks forward to considering policy actions, including through amendments to the Countywide Policy Plan, that support a circular economy; and
3. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Kamanamaikalani Beamer, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawai'i; the Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House, and Co-Chair, House Select Committee on COVID-19 Economic and Financial Preparedness; Mr. Peter Ho, President & CEO, Bank of Hawai'i, and Co-Chair, House Select Committee on COVID-19 Economic and Financial Preparedness; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.