

Resolution

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EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE SCOTTY SCHAEFER

WHEREAS, Scotty Schaefer, a longtime resident and active community member on the island of Molokai, passed away on June 20, 2020, at the age of 66; and

WHEREAS, Scotty Schaefer was born Winthrop Scott Schaefer on February 2, 1954, and will always be remembered as a devoted and loving husband to Lynette; father to Masi, Amanda, and Kanani; and grandfather to Adron, Kau'ionalani, Lehiwa, and Ānuenue; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schaefer was an emergency services pioneer, becoming the 50th Mobile Intensive Care Technician ("MICT") licensed in the State of Hawai'i, and served Molokai's community for over 35 years as a paramedic for American Medical Response; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schaefer was a person of faith, coining the phrase "prayers at the scene," which offered compassion and prayers during emergencies; and was committed to sharing aloha through his music, hospitality, love for all, and willingness to open his heart and his home to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schaefer was a strong and effective advocate for legislation and funding for improvements to Maui County healthcare services, including the medevac helicopter; the Medic 14, a Kula ambulance; stipends for MICT students; and numerous policies to support emergency medical coverage to rural areas such as Hāna and Molokai; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schaefer was instrumental in creating an Emergency Management Technician mentorship program and, along with Chris Gilbert and Paul Kaneshiro, became the first practitioners of Critical Incident Stress Management in Maui County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schaefer served as a valuable resource on various groups and committees including the State Department of Health's Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council and Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Schaefer was committed to ensuring island-wide coverage and efficient response times on Molokai and is credited with bringing Molokai Police, Fire, and MICT together as one cohesive emergency-response team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schaefer was also instrumental in bringing together government and private-sector resources on Molokai to create the Molokai Disaster Committee - also known as the Molokai Emergency Action Committee - which addresses community resources and plans for tsunami, hurricane, wildfire, water-shortage, and other disasters that could cripple Molokai's supply and assistance capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schaefer was influential in the establishment of the Puko'o Fire Station, which provides medical and emergency services in a well-populated area where none had previously existed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schaefer secured emergency air services to Molokai through helicopter services and the stationing of Hawaii Life Flight on island with full-time personnel; and

WHEREAS, a generous and unselfish public servant, Mr. Schaefer had a distinguished record of service and public-policy advocacy at the local and state levels, tirelessly advocating for more emergency services and plans for disaster events for Molokai and other rural areas in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Maui have benefited from this great community servant; now, therefore,

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

1. That it extends its condolences and deepest sympathy to the family of the late Scotty Schaefer; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to his wife, Reverend Lynette Schaefer, and his children, Masi and Amanda.