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September 3, 2020

The Honorable Alice L. Lee
Council Chair
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee:

SUBJECT: URGING THE MAYOR TO AUTHORIZE APPLE AND GOOGLE TO RELEASE SUSTAIN HAWAII'S PERSEUS CONTACT TRACING APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY USE BY COUNTY CONSTITUENTS (PAF 20-244)

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "URGING THE MAYOR TO AUTHORIZE APPLE AND GOOGLE TO RELEASE SUSTAIN HAWAII'S PERSEUS CONTACT TRACING APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY USE BY COUNTY RESIDENTS," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Tamara A. M. Paltin in cursive.

TAMARA PALTIN
Councilmember

paf:nas:20-244b

Attachment

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 20-450

Resolution

No. _____

URGING THE MAYOR TO AUTHORIZE APPLE
AND GOOGLE TO RELEASE SUSTAIN HAWAII'S
PERSEUS CONTACT TRACING APPLICATION
FOR VOLUNTARY USE BY COUNTY
CONSTITUENTS

WHEREAS, due to 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 Hawai'i on March 5, 2020, with both the Mayor and Governor issuing numerous supplemental directives as the emergency remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, in a *Civil Beat* article, published on August 12, 2020, the State has recorded more than 1,200 new cases since the beginning of August and the seven-day average of new cases is at 166.71, compared to an average of 1.71 two months ago; and

WHEREAS, all statistical models show Hawai'i as having one of the highest effective reproduction rates of COVID-19 in the country; and

WHEREAS, Maui County's hospital bed, intensive care unit, and ventilator resources are limited, putting residents at risk if the need for hospitalizations increase; and

WHEREAS, according to *MauiNow*, one of the clusters in Maui County includes 66 cases associated with the Maui Memorial Medical Center, surpassing the first wave of infection at the hospital reported earlier this year when 52 individuals tested positive; and

WHEREAS, contact tracing and testing have been shown to minimize and contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health contact tracing application is still under development and is not ready for public use but Sustain Hawaii's Perseus contact tracing application is ready for release and implementation; and

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WHEREAS, the Perseus contact tracing application needs approval by the Mayor to go public within the County via Apple and Google application services; and

WHEREAS, the Perseus contact tracing application is currently approved through Apple for a pilot with Kaua'i County and Sustain Hawai'i is independently running a Safe Travels application pilot on O'ahu; and

WHEREAS, the use of the Perseus contact tracing application is voluntary; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to contact tracing and testing in response to Hawai'i's recent COVID-19 spike is imperative to the health, safety, and economic well-being of our community; now, therefore,

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

1. That it urges the Mayor to approve Sustain Hawai'i's Perseus contact tracing application for voluntary public use via Apple or Google;
2. That it supports the use of the Sustain Hawai'i contact tracing application as an adjunct to existing County and State testing and tracing protocols for containing the spread of COVID-19; and
3. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Brandon Kurisu, Coalition Representative, Aloha Trace; Kevin Vaccarello, Executive Director, Sustain Hawai'i; Bruce Anderson, Director, Department of Health, State of Hawai'i; Dr. Lorrin Pang, Maui District Health Office, State of Hawai'i; the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui; the Honorable Josh Green, Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i; and the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii.