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

Dear Chair Lee:

SUBJECT: **RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 30, 2020, AS MAUI
COUNTY TREE PLANTING DAY** (PAF 20-249)

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 30, 2020, AS MAUI COUNTY TREE PLANTING DAY," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly T. King".

KELLY TAKAYA KING
Councilmember

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Attachment

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 20-471

Resolution

No. _____

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 30, 2020, AS MAUI COUNTY TREE PLANTING DAY

WHEREAS, climate change threatens Maui County with impacts from sea-level rise, coastal erosion, extreme weather events, and extinction of endangered species; and

WHEREAS, replacement of carbon-emitting sources of energy and transportation with green, renewable technologies is central to reducing the threat of climate change; and

WHEREAS, trees and other plants absorb and sequester greenhouse gases while also providing shade, moisture, soil improvement, and erosion control; and

WHEREAS, Lā Ho'olu Paemoku/ReTree Hawai'i is organizing a Countywide Tree Planting Day on October 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, public, private, and nonprofit organizations, along with individuals across the County, have joined Lā Ho'olu Paemoku/ReTree Hawai'i to increase the number of trees and other plants that sequester carbon from the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Tree Planting Day will result in increased native reforestation and urban planting with many near- and long-term benefits, including mitigating climate change; and

WHEREAS, other organizations and individuals are encouraged to participate in the Countywide Tree Planting on October 30, 2020, and contribute to its success; now, therefore,

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

1. That it recognizes the value of tree planting to sequester greenhouse gases and mitigate climate change; and
2. That it recognizes October 30, 2020, as Maui County Tree Planting Day; and

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3. That it encourages all residents and County agencies to do their part in increasing the number of non-invasive trees and plants in Maui County; and
4. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawai'i; the Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker, Hawai'i State House of Representatives; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President, Hawai'i State Senate; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.

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