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September 16, 2020

Honorable Michael J. Molina, Chair Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee Council of the County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Molina:

By letter dated September 3, 2020 (County Communication No. 20-450), Councilmember Tamara Paltin transmitted a proposed resolution entitled "URGING THE MAYOR TO AUTHORIZE APPLE AND GOOGLE TO RELEASE SUSTAIN HAWAI'I'S PERSEUS CONTACT TRACING APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY USE BY COUNTY CONSTITUENTS".

At the September 11, 2020 Council meeting, the proposed resolution was adopted; however, the matter relating to contract tracing applications was referred to your Committee.

A copy of Resolution No. 20-125 is enclosed for your information.

Respectfully,

KATHY L. KAOHU

Kathy L. Kuohon

County Clerk

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Enclosures

cc: Director of Council Services

Resolution

No. _20-125

URGING THE MAYOR TO AUTHORIZE APPLE AND GOOGLE TO RELEASE SUSTAIN HAWAIT'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 Hawai'i's Perseus contact tracing application is ready for release and implementation; and WHEREAS, the Perseus contact tracing application needs approval by the Mayor or another governmental authority 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'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: Director, Department of Health, State 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.

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 20-125 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 11th day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Alice L. LEE Chair	Keani N. W. RAWLINS- FERNANDEZ Vice-Chair	G. Riki HOKAMA	Natalie A. KAMA	Kelly T. KING	Michael J. MOLINA	Tamara A. M. PALTIN	Shane M. SINENCI	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	No	Aye	No	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	No

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