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

Dear Chair Lee:

**SUBJECT: SUPPORTING AN AGENDA TO TRANSFORM, HEAL,
AND RENEW BY INVESTING IN A VIBRANT
ECONOMY: "THRIVE" (PAF 20-268)**

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "SUPPORTING AN AGENDA TO TRANSFORM, HEAL, AND RENEW BY INVESTING IN A VIBRANT ECONOMY: "THRIVE"," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly T. King".

KELLY TAKAYA KING
Councilmember

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Attachment

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 20-498

Resolution

No. _____

SUPPORTING AN AGENDA TO TRANSFORM, HEAL, AND RENEW BY INVESTING IN A VIBRANT ECONOMY: “THRIVE”

WHEREAS, as communities try to recover from the pandemic, there is a need for a focused effort to increase equity and help communities thrive; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 1102, “Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to implement an agenda to Transform, Heal, and Renew by Investing in a Vibrant Economy (THRIVE),” was introduced on September 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, according to an article by Hanna Ziady on *CNN.com* dated January 8, 2020, “Hurricanes, wildfires, and floods cost the world \$150 billion in 2019 and losses for business and the economy are only expected to increase, because of a decade-long rise in natural catastrophes with direct links to climate change;” and

WHEREAS, the principles of the THRIVE Agenda align with the values expressed in Maui County Council Resolution 19-209, “ACKNOWLEDGING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND COMMITTING TO AN IMMEDIATE JUST TRANSITION AND EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE”; and

WHEREAS, the economic cost and catastrophic loss of life that will result from unabated crises of climate change, mass unemployment, racial injustice, and a global pandemic will be far more damaging the longer we wait to create solutions; and

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

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WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), Public Law 116-136, was enacted on March 27, 2020, providing federal funding to state, local, and tribal governments navigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, according to a press release from Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, dated September 10, 2020, the THRIVE Agenda:

- “lays out the unifying principles necessary to build a society that enables dignified work; increased racial, economic, gender, and environmental justice; healthy communities; and a stable climate;” and
- “is built on eight pillars, which span from creating millions of good, safe jobs with access to unions to averting climate catastrophe while investing in Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities;” and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2020, the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations issued a news release showing Maui County’s jobless rate was the highest in the State, at 20.7 percent at the end of August 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Department further reported it will take two years for local businesses in Hawaii to recover to 2019 job-count levels; and

WHEREAS, the THRIVE Agenda resolves to strengthen and heal the nation-to-nation relationship with sovereign Native nations, including by “making systemic changes in Federal policies to honor and strengthen the Trust Responsibility to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, with implementation across all government agencies and with specific attention to environmental and social issues, which are integral to tackling today’s crises;” and

WHEREAS, the THRIVE Agenda has the support of over 150 advocacy groups, including the American Federation of Teachers, Center for American Progress, Church World Service, Climate Justice Alliance, Color of Change, Communications Workers of America, Green New Deal Network, Indigenous Environmental Network, Movement for Black Lives, Service Employees International Union, Sierra Club, Sunrise Movement, and United We Dream; and

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WHEREAS, the resolution to THRIVE, also known as the “THRIVE Agenda,” had 85 congressional cosponsors as of September 30, 2020; now, therefore,

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

1. That it supports an agenda to Transform, Heal, and Renew by Investing in a Vibrant Economy: “THRIVE”;
2. That it encourages Maui County’s congressional delegation to cosponsor House Resolution 1102, “Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to implement an agenda to Transform, Heal, and Renew by Investing in a Vibrant Economy (‘THRIVE’),” and its Senate counterpart; and
3. That certified copies be sent to the Honorable Brian E. Schatz, United States Senator; the Honorable Mazie Hirono, United States Senator; the Honorable Tulsi Gabbard, Member of Congress; the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui; and the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii.