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

Dear Chair Lee:

SUBJECT: **PUBLIC SPONSORSHIP OF WIFIA LETTER OF
INTEREST FOR MOLOKAI AND WWC WATER
SYSTEMS** (PAF 21-190)

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF A LETTER OF INTEREST FOR THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT PROGRAM," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane M. Sinenci".

SHANE M. SINENCI
Councilmember

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Enclosure

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 21-300

Resolution

No. _____

SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF A LETTER OF INTEREST FOR THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2010, the United Nations General Assembly, through Resolution 64/292, explicitly recognized the human rights to water and sanitation and acknowledged that clean drinking water and sanitation are essential to the realization of all human rights; and

WHEREAS, water has always been an important part of Hawaiian life, with each ahupua'a including area types of mountain, land, and sea, all connected by streams; and

WHEREAS, the Water Infrastructure, Finance and Innovation Act ("WIFIA") program accelerates investment in our nation's water and wastewater infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost, supplemental credit assistance under customized terms to creditworthy water and wastewater projects of national and regional significance; and

WHEREAS, applicants led by Woodard & Curran, a science and engineering firm, and IoTask, a consulting firm, in partnership with Responsible Markets and the Maui ESG investment project, have indicated their intent to submit a Letter of Interest for WIFIA funding for the purchase, necessary repairs, and rehabilitation of water systems, watersheds, and other water-relevant land holdings on the islands of Molokai and Maui; and

WHEREAS, the applicants have stated that the project will adhere to the international human rights standards that enshrine indigenous peoples' rights to free, prior, and informed consent on projects affecting their lands, resources, and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the lead applicant, Woodard & Curran, will incur the loan and must be creditworthy and demonstrate a reasonable assurance of repayment of the loan over the term of the loan, and the County of Maui will not have a financial obligation to the project; now, therefore,

Resolution No. _____

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

1. That it supports the submission of a Letter of Interest for the WIFIA program for projects located in the County of Maui, led by Woodard & Curran, representing the interests of all in the application partnership, including IoTask and Responsible Markets; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Woodard & Curran, IoTask, and Responsible Markets for inclusion with the WIFIA Letter of Interest submission.

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