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The Honorable Alice L. Lee
Council Chair
County of Maui
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Dear Chair Lee:

SUBJECT: **SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH SAN
CRISTOBAL ISLAND, GALAPAGOS, REPUBLIC OF
ECUADOR** (PAF 21-181)

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "ESTABLISHING A SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND, GALAPAGOS, REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR," 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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Enclosure

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 21-308

Resolution

No. _____

ESTABLISHING A SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND, GALAPAGOS, REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR

WHEREAS, Section 46-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, United States of America, to establish ties of friendship, understanding, and goodwill with sister-cities by resolution duly adopted by the Council of the County of Maui; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, San Cristobal Island Mayor Pedro A. Zapata and Maui County Mayor Alan M. Arakawa agreed to establish a Friendship City relationship, which has elevated continuously over the years; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui and San Cristol Island, Galapagos, Republic of Ecuador, share many similarities, such as managing the effects of globalization and rapidly growing tourism, and a plethora of environmental problems stemming from the pressures of world climate change on their island communities, and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui commends San Cristo Island on its globally recognized efforts for implementing “responsible tourism,” which prioritizes the needs of local communities and establishes strict best practices to preserve and conserve natural resources.

WHEREAS, the County of Maui has much to gain from learning from the successes of San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Republic of Ecuador, and

WHEREAS, a species of butterfly fish is found in both the waters off Kahoolawe, Maui County, and off San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Republic of Ecuador; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Friendship City relationship, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Marine Sanctuary Program on Maui has hosted managers and scientists from San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Republic of Ecuador, to visit national marine sanctuaries to assist in the development of partnerships;

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WHEREAS, after departing Balboa, Panama, in 2017, the Hokule'a and her crew made an important mission stop to San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Republic of Ecuador, which took approximately ten days; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Hokule'a and her crew's visit to San Cristobal Island was to recognize the island's sustainability efforts, its many parallels with Hawai'i, and the importance of bringing attention to science, evolution, and protecting the earth's most fragile natural resources; and

WHEREAS, a contingent of students and teachers from a number of Hawai'i schools traveled to San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Republic of Ecuador, to work with the crew of the Hokule'a; and

WHEREAS, Kihei Charter School implemented a "pen pal" relationship with students in the Galapagos to promote lasting global friendships, peace through mutual respect, understanding, cooperation, and to create a real connection across the vast Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui is pleased and honored to receive steadfast intent by officials from San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Republic of Ecuador, and support from County of Maui residents to establish sisterhood ties and mutually promote and enhance trade, tourism, culture, and education; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a sister-city relationship with San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Republic of Ecuador, will bring about a greater bond and bridge of understanding between the people of San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Republic of Ecuador, and the County of Maui; now, therefore,

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

1. That it authorizes the Mayor of the County of Maui to formalize a sister-city relationship between the County and San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Republic of Ecuador, for the purpose of strengthening the bonds initiated thorough cultural, business, education, and economic exchanges and furthering the ties of friendship and promoting goodwill between the people of San Cristobal Island, Galapagos, Republic of Ecuador and Maui County; and

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2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Lenin Moreno, President, Republic of Ecuador; Sandra Naranjo, Minister of Tourism of Ecuador; Tarcisio Granizo, Minister of Environment of Ecuador; H.E. Mr. Christian Espinoza, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations; Lic. Jose Bienvenido Montas Dominguez, Alcalde—San Cristobal Island, Galapagos; Paul Salaman, President, Galapagos Conservancy; the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; Dr. Lui Hokoana, Chancellor, University of Hawaii Maui College; the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui; Mike McCartney, Director, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, State of Hawaii; Virgilio Viernes, Chair, Maui County Sister Cities Foundation; JoAnn Inamasu, Director, Office of Economic Development, County of Maui; Michael Stubbs, Director, Kihei Charter School; Nainoa Thompson, Navigator, President, Polynesian Voyaging Society; Kimokeo Kapahulehua, The Kimokeo Foundation; and Anela Joy Gutierrez, Hui O Wa'a Kaulua.