

#### OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

**COUNTY OF MAUI** 200 SOUTH HIGH STREET WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793 www.mauicounty.gov/county/clerk

September 28, 2020

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi Hawaii State Senate, President 415 South Beretania Street Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a certified copy of Resolution No. 20-137, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on September 25, 2020.

Respectfully,

KATHY L. KAOHU **County Clerk** 

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Enclosure

# DEPT. COMM NO. 539 Resolution

No. <u>20-137</u>

# 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 Hoʻoulu Pae Moku/ReTree Hawaiʻi 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 Hoʻoulu Pae Moku/ReTree Hawaiʻi 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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#### COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

### **CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION**

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 20-137 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 25th 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. N. PALTIN	Shane M. SINENCI	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

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