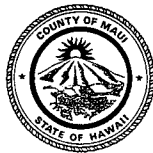


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November 23, 2020

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
Hawaii State Senate
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a copy of Resolution No. 20-164, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on November 20, 2020.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy L. Kaohu".

KATHY L. KAOHU
County Clerk

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Enclosure

Resolution

No. 20-164

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO EXTEND THE
EVICITION MORATORIUM INTO 2021 AND
URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO EXPEDITE
ACCESS TO CARES ACT FUNDING BY
RESIDENTS WHO APPLIED FOR RENTAL OR
MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PRIOR TO 2021

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor David Y. Ige issued a Proclamation declaring a state of emergency to support ongoing State and county responses to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to endanger the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Hawai'i and the County of Maui; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020, in his Fifth Supplementary Proclamation, Governor Ige initially imposed a moratorium that prohibited a landlord from evicting tenants for failing to pay rent, lease, or other related charges; and

WHEREAS, in the Governor's Fourteenth Supplementary Proclamation, issued October 13, 2020, the moratorium on evictions was extended only through the end of November 2020; and

WHEREAS, in September 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") announced a temporary eviction moratorium that prohibited landlords and property owners from evicting certain tenants impacted by COVID-19, which remains in effect through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, although the CDC issued a nationwide ban on evictions, the order requires renters facing eviction to meet an array of requirements and to print and sign an affidavit declaring their eligibility, which limits the ban's effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2020, the Governor announced the launch of the State of Hawai'i Rent Relief and Housing Assistance Program ("RRHAP"), which is funded by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") appropriations; and

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WHEREAS, RRHAP provides assistance for Hawai'i renters who have experienced a reduction in income and are at risk of eviction because of unemployment or a reduction in work hours caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as reported by *Hawaii News Now* on November 12, 2020, of the \$100 million in Federal CARES Act funds appropriated for rental relief, no more than \$20 million had been provided for assistance with monthly rent; and

WHEREAS, RRHAP applications were being accepted for housing payments due between August 1, 2020, and December 28, 2020, and administered by nonprofit partners Catholic Charities Hawai'i and Aloha United Way; and

WHEREAS, according to Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, as of October 27, 2020, RRHAP applications are no longer being accepted; and

WHEREAS, for Maui County residents, RRHAP provides monthly rent or mortgage payments of up to \$1,500 per household, with payments made directly to the landlord; and

WHEREAS, if the Governor does not extend the moratorium into 2021, landlords can provide a five-business day notice for nonpayment of rent and then start the eviction process; and

WHEREAS, the moratorium also leaves tenants responsible for their accrued back rent, which may be impossible for some to immediately acquire or recover from due to the long-lasting impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, residents continue to be unemployed and economically affected as a result of COVID-19 and require immediate rental and mortgage assistance through CARES Act funds; now, therefore,

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

1. That it urges Governor Ige to extend the eviction moratorium to June 30, 2021;

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2. That it urges the State of Hawai'i to expedite access to CARES Act funding to residents who applied for rental or mortgage assistance prior to 2021; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mazie Hirono, United States Senator; the Honorable Brian Schatz, United States Senator; the Honorable Ed Case, United States Representative; the Honorable Tulsi Gabbard, United States Representative; Honorable Kaialii Kahele, United States Representative-elect; the Honorable Scott Saiki, Speaker, Hawaii State House of Representatives; the Honorable Ron Kouchi, President, Hawaii State Senate; Maui County's delegation to the State Legislature; the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 20-164 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 20th day of November, 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	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye



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