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February 23, 2021

DEPT. COMM. NO. 358

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Speaker
415 South Beretania Street
Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a certified copy of Resolution No. 21-22, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on February 19, 2021.

Respectfully,

KATHY L. KAOHU County Clerk

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Enclosure

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

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Resolution

No. __21-22

SUPPORTING STATE SENATE BILL 754 (2021), RELATING TO OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED

WHEREAS, State Senate Bill 754 (2021), Relating to Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, has been introduced at the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the bill would lower the threshold blood alcohol concentration for the offense of operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant from 0.08 percent to 0.05 percent;

WHEREAS, the County is committed to eliminating all traffic deaths by 2040, as seen in Resolution 19-111, "URGING THE MAYOR TO CREATE A VISION ZERO ADVISORY GROUP," adopted June 7, 2019, and the Mayor's Vision Zero Maui proclamation dated October 26, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Maui County Police Department reported 505 arrests for impaired driving in 2020, nearly the same amount as in 2019, despite a 33 percent decrease in driving because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as reported in *The Maui News* on November 28, 2020, the MPD DUI Task Force and community partners' efforts to increase awareness about the dangers of impaired driving led to a 60 percent decline in traffic deaths in Maui County in 2020 compared to 2019; and

WHEREAS, despite the improvement, Maui County still had 11 traffic fatalities, six of which were alcohol-related, showing much work remains to achieve the Vision Zero objective; and

WHEREAS, in a disturbing trend, Maui County has seen a rising number of arrests for Habitual Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant in both 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, in testimony to a State legislative committee, dated February 9, 2021, the National Transportation Safety Board expressed support for Senate Bill 754, saying it would save lives in Hawaii; now, therefore,

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

- 1. That it supports State Senate Bill 754 (2021) as it is currently written, including any nonsubstantive changes, Relating to Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated; and
- 2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Scott Saiki, Speaker, State House of Representatives; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President, State Senate; Maui County's delegation to the State Legislature; the Executive Committee of the Hawaii State Association of Counties; Lauren Armstrong, Executive Director, Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization; Police Chief Tivoli Faaumu; County of Maui; 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. 21-22 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 19th day of February 2021, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Alice L. LEE Chair	Keani N. W. RAWLINS- FERNANDEZ Vice-Chair	Gabe JOHNSON	Natalie A. KAMA	Kelly T. KING	Michael J. MOLINA	Tamara A. N. PALTIN	Shane M. SINENCI	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

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