



## RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE AFTER-HOURS USE OF CITY PARKS BY FISHERMEN FOR SHORELINE ACCESS AT CERTAIN PARKS ON THE LEEWARD COAST OF OAHU.

WHEREAS, certain city parks on the Leeward Coast, such as Kahe Point Beach Park; Piliokahe (Tracks) Beach Park; Ulehawa #1 and #2 Beach Parks; Nanikai Beach Park; Surfers Beach Park; and Maili Beach Parks #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5, provide shoreline access to the public, including fishermen; and

WHEREAS, fishermen along the Leeward Coast often fish during the late night and early morning hours between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. because it is the only time during a 24-hour period that certain native fishes are feeding and hence available for gathering; and

WHEREAS, consequently such use of these city parks for shoreline access is also preserved and protected by the State of Hawaii Constitution in that the native Hawaiian traditional and customary "gathering rights" are recognized; and

WHEREAS, the native Hawaiian traditional gathering rights to catch and collect ocean resources in the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead boundaries should be permitted during the after-hours use of city parks such as the Cove (Black Rock) Beach Park; Keaulana Surfing area; Forac (Zablan) Beach Park; Nanakuli Beach Park; and Depots Beach Park which are all located within the Nanakuli Homestead community on the island of Oahu; and

WHEREAS, nightly closures of city parks on the Leeward Coast from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. restrict access to the shoreline and parking lot; and

WHEREAS, shoreline access through city parks mentioned in this resolution, to include parking for fishermen, should be granted; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Department of Parks and Recreation include access to the parking lots of certain city parks during the after-hours use from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. for shoreline access by fishermen on the Leeward Coast of Oahu; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

INTRODUCED BY:

TOM BERG

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers