



RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH CALI, COLOMBIA.

WHEREAS, Resolution 91-240 established guidelines for the City and County of Honolulu ("Honolulu") that govern the establishment of its sister city relationships, as amended by Resolutions 03-52 and 12-21; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines provide that a sister city relationship may be established with another city that shares a direct historical, cultural, or ethnic relationship; offers educational and technological assistance to Honolulu's business, industries, and labor force; offers the exchange of ideas and solutions based on similarities in population size or character; or has common bonds that are mutually beneficial to the citizens of both cities; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the sister city program more than fifty years ago, Honolulu has established sister city ties with 28 international cities; and

WHEREAS, similar to Honolulu, Colombia has extensive marine and terrestrial natural resources, enjoys a subtropical climate, has an agricultural heritage, is ethnically and culturally diverse, and has a varied landscape which includes beaches, mountain ranges and forests; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii has a growing Latin American population, increasing from 87,699 in 2000 to 120,842 in 2010, and Colombia is the third most populous Latin American country; and

WHEREAS, the United States–Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement was approved by Congress in October 2011 and became effective on May 15, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the United States is Colombia's largest trading partner, representing about 42% of Colombia's exports and 26% of its imports as of November 2011. In addition, Colombia is the United States' sixth-largest supplier of crude oil; and

WHEREAS, new Colombian legislation establishes criminal penalties, including imprisonment, for employers that undermine the right to organize and bargain collectively or threaten workers who exercise their labor rights; and

WHEREAS, Cali is one of Colombia's major collection and distribution centers due to its relative proximity to both maritime ports and inland transportation routes; and



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WHEREAS, Cali is becoming an increasingly popular tourist destination and Honolulu is an established tourist destination; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu is interested in establishing a sister city relationship with Cali; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports the establishment of a sister city relationship with the city of Cali, Colombia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Mayor of Cali, Colombia to formalize the sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sister city agreement shall be consistent with the policies of Resolutions 91-240, 03-52, and 12-21, as amended; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and Managing Director of Honolulu, and the Mayor of Cali, Colombia.

INTRODUCED BY:

Nestor Garcia

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

November 19, 2012
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers