



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOP A WEBSITE TO FACILITATE DONATIONS TO ASSIST HOMELESS PERSONS.

WHEREAS, the Statewide Homeless Point-in-Time Count 2012 estimated that of a total of 4,354 homeless persons living on Oahu, 1,318 individuals were considered "unsheltered," while 3,035 individuals were considered "sheltered" and staying in emergency, transitional, or safe haven facilities; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Point-in-Time Count indicates that homeless individuals have settled in regions throughout Oahu; and

WHEREAS, for many homeless individuals, a relatively small monetary amount may make a significant difference in their life situations; and

WHEREAS, some homeless children may not attend school because of a lack of footwear, appropriate clothes, or school supplies; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of appropriate work clothes, a bus pass, or a State identification card may enable some homeless persons to obtain a job; and

WHEREAS, the cost of a security deposit or the first month's rent may enable some homeless persons to move into housing; and

WHEREAS, some community members are hesitant to give money directly to homeless individuals because of concerns regarding how the money may be spent; and

WHEREAS, other community members recognize the plight of the homeless and would be willing to make donations to help individuals, but want assurances that their donations are handled through a responsible mechanism; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it requests the Department of Community Services and the Department of Information Technology to develop a website to facilitate donations to assist homeless persons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing the website, the following features are requested to be considered:

- Enable homeless individuals, with the help of social service providers, to post online donation requests;



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- Identify donation requests by the geographic location of the requestor;
- Designate the social service provider as the responsible entity to verify the validity of the request. The name and the contact information of the social service provider would be listed with the donation request;
- Enable members of the community to review the requests online and make donations toward the posted requests. The donations will be submitted directly to the social service providers; and
- Enable multiple donors to partially fund a donation request;

and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Community Services, and the Director of Information Technology.

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