



RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL FRIENDSHIP RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHIGASAKI CITY ASSEMBLY, KANAGAWA PREFECTURE, JAPAN, AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, the Chigasaki City Assembly has expressed an interest in establishing a council friendship relationship with the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu to foster a legislative association between the sister cities; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu enjoys a productive and prominent Japanese population, with a history of the first Japanese immigrants arriving in Honolulu Harbor on June 19, 1868; and

WHEREAS, Chigasaki City in 1994 started the Shonan Festival as part of the annual Ooka Echizen Festival held in April, with the motto "Savor Hawaiian atmosphere in Chigasaki"; and

WHEREAS, Chigasaki City hosts the Chigasaki Aloha Market that is held simultaneously with the Shonan Festival and focuses on topics related to Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Chigasaki City is the home of the World Invitational Hula Festival in Japan, that focuses on hula and education of Hawaiian culture rather than competition. In addition to lessons by Kumu Hula, various workshops including lei making and Hawaiian language classes are offered, and the winning group goes on to compete in the main competition in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Chigasaki City through the Chigasaki Aloha Committee started Aloha-biz in 2003 where participating businesses and municipal staffs work on refreshing Aloha shirts until the end of October, embodying the environmentally friendly Chigasaki's slower-paced island-lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, Chigasaki City has had staff and communication exchanges with the Hawaii Tourism Authority located in Honolulu, Hawaii from 2004 to the present; and

WHEREAS, Chigasaki City has had academic exchanges between Bunkyo University's Faculty of International Studies and the University of Hawaii, from 2007 to the present; and

WHEREAS, Chigasaki City has over 100 hula dance groups totaling over 1,000 members; and



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WHEREAS, Chigasaki City has more than 30 surfboard shops and also has businesses that produce many wetsuits for surfing; and

WHEREAS, Chigasaki City has one of the oldest surfboards from Hawaii that was made in the 1920's at the Chigasakikan; and

WHEREAS, the people of Chigasaki City have participated in the Liliuokalani Keiki Hula Competition, in Japan's surfing championship, the professional tour of the Japan Professional Surfing Association, the International World Association's world masters surfing championship, and the Kauai Polynesian festival; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Chigasaki City municipal assembly, wear aloha shirts during the summer months each year, and have entitled it the "Aloha Assembly"; and

WHEREAS, common issues Chigasaki City shares with Honolulu include loss of beaches due to erosion, receding coast lines, beach maintenance, and an increasing aged population; and

WHEREAS, a delegation from Chigasaki City that included the Vice Mayor of Chigasaki met with Honolulu City Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin and Honolulu's Office of Economic Development on December 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Chigasaki City has proposed a goodwill citizen mission to Honolulu, participation in the Honolulu Festival in 2014 by its community groups, and various youth exchanges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu welcomes the opportunity to establish a council friendship relationship with the Chigasaki City Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports the establishment of a council friendship relationship with the Chigasaki City Assembly, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Chigasaki City Assembly, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, to formalize the council friendship relationship; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Mayor of Chigasaki, and the Chairperson of the Chigasaki City Assembly.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ernest Martin

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

January 29, 2014
Honolulu, Hawaii

_____ Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 14-27, CD1

Introduced: 01/29/14 By: ERNEST MARTIN

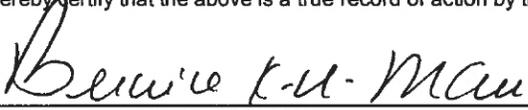
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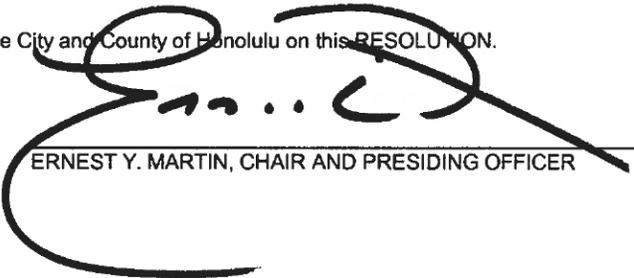
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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

02/06/14	INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN SERVICES	CR-46 - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM.
02/19/14	COUNCIL	CR-47 AND RESOLUTION 14-27, CD1 WERE ADOPTED 9 AYES: ANDERSON, CHANG, FUKUNAGA, HARIMOTO, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK


ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER