



RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR HAWAII'S BID TO HOST THE FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS IN 2020.

WHEREAS, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (commonly known as UNESCO) has determined that the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage, such as knowledge and skills linked to music, dance, and traditional craftsmanship, provides indigenous communities, groups, and individuals with a sense of identity and continuity; and

WHEREAS, UNESCO has further determined that such indigenous intangible cultural heritage is in danger of disappearing due to declining numbers of practitioners, growing disinterest of young people and lack of funds; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (formerly the South Pacific Commission) created the Festival of Pacific Arts ("Festival") seeking to promote and perpetuate Oceania's indigenous cultural practices through the showcasing of traditional art forms, such as weaving, carving, music and dance; and

WHEREAS, Fiji was the inaugural Festival host, followed by New Zealand in 1976, Papua New Guinea in 1980, Tahiti in 1985, Australia in 1988, the Cook Islands in 1992, Samoa in 1996, New Caledonia in 2000, Palau in 2004, American Samoa in 2008, and the Solomon Islands in 2012, with the 2016 Festival confirmed to be held in Guam; and

WHEREAS, according to UNESCO, the Festival is the largest cultural event in the Oceania region and in 2012, the Solomon Islands hosted 22 countries and territories as Festival participants and welcomed 3,000 Festival attendees; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii has actively participated in every Festival since 1976, but has never been chosen as a host site for the Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Pacific Arts and Culture (CPAC) selects a host site based on the principle of equity, and preference is usually given to countries that have not yet hosted the Festival; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii is an ideal Festival host site as it has appropriately sized event venues, ample hotel capacity, experience staging large scale cultural events, and a significant resident population with ethnic and cultural ties to multiple Oceania nations and territories; and



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WHEREAS, the Hawaii delegate to CPAC must present an intent to submit a full and formal bid to host the Festival by May 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the state Legislature is deliberating upon legislation, specifically Senate Concurrent Resolution 57, which would convene an exploratory committee comprised of the Hawaii delegate to CPAC as well as representatives from the Governor's Office, the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the Hawaii Council of Mayors, with the express purpose to submit Hawaii's bid proposal to host the Festival in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the size and scope of the Festival will provide the State with a welcome economic boost and is a culturally appropriate event given the State's intimate ties to Oceania; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the state Legislature to adopt Senate Concurrent Resolution 57 and expresses its strong support of Hawaii's bid proposal to the Council of Pacific Arts and Culture for Hawaii to host the 2020 Festival of Pacific Arts; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Mayor and the Council of Pacific Arts and Culture, c/o The Secretariat of the Pacific Community, BP D5, 98848 Noumea Cedex, New Caledonia.

INTRODUCED BY:

M. J. [Signature] (CBR)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

APR 17 2014
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 14-85

Introduced: 04/17/14 By: IKAIKA ANDERSON (BR)

Committee: ZONING AND PLANNING

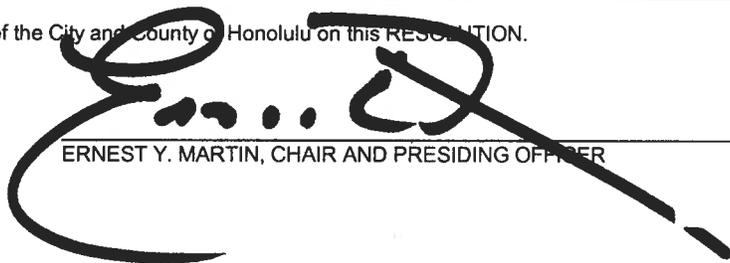
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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

04/24/14	ZONING AND PLANNING	CR-127 - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.
05/07/14	COUNCIL	CR-127 AND RESOLUTION 14-85 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