



RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD HONOLULU AS A HAVEN OF ALOHA.

WHEREAS, the 2016 national elections, both presidential and congressional, introduced themes, statements, and concepts reflective of a world view fraught with intolerance, prejudice, and fear; and

WHEREAS, the outcome of these national elections now raises the prospect that those same themes of intolerance, prejudice, and fear could find their way into the laws and policies of our government; and such an outcome is contrary to the core values of our society; and

WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii are defined by diversity, and guided by Aloha; and

WHEREAS, from a strong foundation of Native Hawaiian values, Hawaii has traditionally embraced immigrants and other cultures, while becoming the most ethnically diverse state in the nation — and is a place of opportunity and justice for all people rather a place predicated on how you look, what language you speak, or who you love; and

WHEREAS, the very name of our political subdivision, "Honolulu," translates to "sheltered harbor," which is reflective of the long-held Hawaiian tradition of creating places of refuge; and

WHEREAS, in honoring the "sheltered harbor" meaning of Honolulu, the citizens of our city have stood up for all people and fought to protect our abiding values of liberty, social justice, economic justice, protection of the environment, and compassion and respect for the dignity and worth of the individual; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Honolulu have continued to respect and welcome immigrants, refugees, people of all religions, races, and sexual identities, as we work for the betterment of humankind; and

WHEREAS, while the Council recognizes that there are differing opinions about how society should respond to economic inequality, increased suffering, and displacement of people everywhere, we welcome civil discourse and debate and will oppose any efforts that unfairly target classes of people or undermine the social fabric of our Constitution; and



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WHEREAS, the Council expresses its strong support for the State of Hawaii's challenge to Sections 2 and 6 of the March 6, 2017 Executive Order signed by the President of the United States as being contrary to the Constitution and the laws of the United States, and in seeking injunctive relief to protect the rights of Hawaii citizens and immigrants to travel freely to and from Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that federal authorities should abide by the recent ruling of the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii regarding the rights of immigrants and refugees under the Constitution and laws of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Corporation Counsel (COR), on behalf of the City, and with the Mayor's approval, has joined in the City of Chicago's amicus to support the State of Hawaii's position in State of Hawaii v. Trump; and

WHEREAS, a total of 28 cities and counties, including Chicago, New York City, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Boston, joined by Honolulu, Austin, Carrboro, Central Falls, Cook County, Gary, Iowa City, Ithaca, Jersey City, Madison, Minneapolis, Montgomery County (MD), Oakland, Portland, St. Louis, St. Paul, San Francisco, Santa Clara County, Seattle, Skokie, South Bend, West Hollywood and Providence, have filed friend-of-the-court briefs in support of the State of Hawaii and a doctor of Egyptian descent in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, where they have presented the local government position, explaining the vital contribution made by immigrants to our cities and country, pointing out that classifications based on religion and national origin are presumptively invalid; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that government should play a fundamental and positive role in the lives of its people and has a responsibility and duty to create more opportunities and resources for communities and future generations and further believes that our City government aspires to build strong bridges of public interest cooperation to achieve greater equality, sustainability, and health for all and a future that our children deserve; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it expresses its steadfast commitment to protect the civil and human rights of its citizens and immigrants; and to uphold Honolulu as a Haven of Aloha, a place where the diversity of our people, communities, cultural practitioners, religious organizations, advocates and activists, local businesses, campaigns, media, political organizations, educational institutions, and government at all levels can create a proud future based on aloha, collective prosperity, and stewardship, in the greatest of Hawaiian and American traditions; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration and the Honolulu Police Department are requested not to expend county funds in working with the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement Division (ICE) in the performance of federal immigration duties, including but not limited to honoring non-judicial warrants and ICE detainers, plus the deputization of its personnel under Section 287(g) of the Secure Communities program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges all Hawaii counties to support the State of Hawaii's efforts to protect its economy, its educational and higher educational programs, its recruitment of international talent, and pursuit of economic and culturally-diverse opportunities in today's globally competitive environment; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States of America, United States Senators Mazie Hirono and Brian Schatz, United States Representatives Tulsi Gabbard and Colleen Hanabusa, Governor David Ige, Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui, Hawaii State Senator Ronald Kouchi, President of the Hawaii State Senate, Hawaii State Representative Joseph Souki, Speaker of the Hawaii State House of Representatives, Kauai County Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Big Island County Mayor Harry Kim, Maui County Mayor Alan Arakawa and City and County of Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

February 13, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 17-50, CD1

Introduced: 02/13/17 By: CAROL FUKUNAGA

Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS
AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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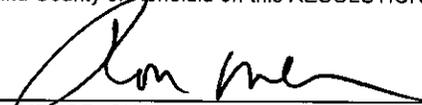
Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

04/04/17	EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	CR-111 - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM.
04/26/17	COUNCIL	CR-111 AND RESOLUTION 17-50, CD1 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, 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.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



RON MENOR, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER