RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING MEASURES TO FACILITATE PROGRAMS THAT EMPLOY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS FOR CITY CLEANUP AND BEAUTIFICATION WORK.

WHEREAS, city beautification programs, which may involve activities such as trash, litter, and graffiti removal, improve the livability of our community and the accessibility of public right-of-ways; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions in the U.S. have undertaken beautification programs that employ homeless individuals, providing such individuals with jobs and access to social services; and

WHEREAS, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for example, the "There's a Better Way" program has distributed a total of 1,750 day jobs, cleared 121,601 pounds of litter, connected 226 individuals with employment services, and placed 20 individuals in housing; and

WHEREAS, in Reno, Nevada, the City of Reno has partnered with the nonprofit organization Volunteers of America to provide homeless individuals with jobs cleaning riverbanks and parks as well as job skills training, long-term employment support, and wraparound case management; and

WHEREAS, in Wailuku, the County of Maui recently awarded a grant for the "Clean and Safe" program, which is modeled after other national programs linking homeless individuals with cleanup jobs; and

WHEREAS, such nonprofit organization-operated programs benefit the public by improving the cleanliness of neighborhoods and providing a platform for re-integrating homeless individuals into the community and should be considered as part of the City's strategy to address the homelessness crisis; and

WHEREAS, the City administration should consider measures that would encourage nonprofit organizations to undertake City cleanup and beautification programs utilizing homeless workers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City administration is requested to consider implementing measures to facilitate programs that employ homeless individuals for City cleanup and beautification work; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that measures the City administration is requested to consider include, but are not limited to:

1) Amending City rules to expand the availability of City solid waste disposal facilities for nonprofit organizations that employ homeless individuals for cleanup and beautification work,

2) Recommending changes to City laws and policies to exempt from payment or reduce charges for the receipt and disposal of refuse at City solid waste disposal facilities for nonprofit organizations engaged in homeless outreach and beautification work, and

3) Entering into agreements with nonprofit organizations for the provision of homeless outreach and beautification work, including litter and trash cleanup and graffiti removal; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Environmental Services, the Director of Community Services, and the Executive Director of the Honolulu Office of Housing.

INTRODUCED BY:

MAY 10, 2017

Honolulu, Hawaii Councilmembers

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