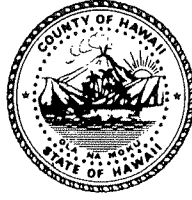


COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I



STATE OF HAWAI‘I

RESOLUTION NO. 449 24

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A RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING THE ALOHA SPIRIT AND FOSTERING PEACE, DIPLOMACY, AND UNITY WITHIN THE COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I, THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I, AND BEYOND.

WHEREAS, March 5th is the United Nations’ International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 77/51, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 7th, 2022, emphasizes the urgent need to increase education around disarmament and non-proliferation, recognizes the significant role of governments, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, academia, and the media in educating the public about how disarmament efforts can provide peace and security for all the world’s people; and

WHEREAS, between October 7, 2023 and February 29, 2024, armed violence has claimed the lives of approximately 30,000 Palestinians and 1,200 Israelis, and wounded tens of thousands more, the vast majority of whom are civilians; and

WHEREAS, in response to this ongoing conflict in Gaza, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13, recently introduced in the Hawai‘i State Senate, urges members of Hawai‘i’s congressional delegation to support the Ceasefire in Gaza Resolution introduced by United States Congresswoman Cori Bush; and

WHEREAS, in the words of the late Aunty Pilahi Pahi, a beloved Native Hawaiian poet, philosopher, linguist, educator, songwriter, author, and spiritual guide, “the world will turn to Hawai‘i as they search for world peace because Hawai‘i has the key; and that key is ALOHA”; and

WHEREAS, section 5-7.5, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, states that the Aloha Spirit “was presented as a gift to the people of Hawai‘i”, and further characterizes Aloha as mutual regard and affection and the belief that each person is important to our collective existence; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hawai‘i (“the County”) values the principles of peace, diplomacy, and civic discourse as fundamental pillars for fostering harmonious relationships and believes that dialogue, understanding, and cooperation are essential tools to build bridges and create a more inclusive and tolerant society among its residents and the global community; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the interconnectedness of our world and the importance of collaboration in addressing shared challenges, and the inherent dignity and rights of individuals, regardless of their race, color, religion, gender, ethnicity, age, ability, or any other characteristic, the County is committed to actively promoting diplomacy and peaceful resolutions to conflicts and disputes with Aloha; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I that this body affirms its commitment to seek and promote peace, diplomacy, and civil discourse at the county level and to demonstrate globally the values of understanding, cooperation, and peaceful coexistence with Aloha.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County hereby recognizes and supports the United Nations’ International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County encourages local educational institutions, community organizations, and citizens to join the County in observance of the United Nations’ International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness by participating in activities and initiatives that raise awareness and understanding of global disarmament issues and principles that contribute to the greater good of humanity with Aloha.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports and hereby urges the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13 by the Hawai‘i State Legislature.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Joshua B. Green, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai‘i; the Honorable Brian E. Schatz, United States Senator; the Honorable Mazie Hirono, United States Senator; the Honorable Edward Case, United States Representative; the Honorable Jill Tokuda, United States Representative; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the

Hawai'i Senate; the Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the Hawai'i House of Representatives; the Honorable Mitchell D. Roth, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Mayor of the County of Maui; the Honorable Richard Blangiardi, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; and the Honorable Derek S. K. Kawakami, Mayor of the County of Kaua'i.

Dated at _____, Hawai'i, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

INTRODUCED BY:

for Heather J. Kimball
for COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

INTRODUCED BY:

for _____
for COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

COUNTY COUNCIL
 County of Hawai'i
 Hilo, Hawai'i

ROLL CALL VOTE

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on _____.

ATTEST:

	AYES	NOES	ABS	EX
EVANS				
GALIMBA				
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KĀNEALI'I-KLEINFELDER				
KIERKIEWICZ				
KIMBALL				
LEE LOY				
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Reference: C-754.2/GOEAC-120

COUNTY CLERK CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

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