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## RESOLUTION

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URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS, STRICTLY ENFORCE CITY ORDINANCES, AND ADDRESS COMMUNITY CONCERNS AT KEA'AU BEACH PARK.

WHEREAS, Kea'au Beach Park is a 38.05-acre City and County of Honolulu ("City") park with, among other features, 25 campsites, two comfort stations, and picnic facilities, in addition to undeveloped land, and is located at 83-431 Farrington Highway, Wai'anae, Hawai'i (TMK: 8-3-001:036); and

WHEREAS, Kea'au Beach Park is located on State of Hawai'i ("State") land that was set aside by Executive Order 1402 by the Governor for the purpose of a public park under the control and management of the City Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"); and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping, illegal camping, illegal parking on the beach, vehicular traffic through the park and beach areas, use of fireworks, burnouts, and street racing in both the developed and undeveloped areas of Kea'au Beach Park, or along those portions of Farrington Highway abutting and in the vicinity of Kea'au Beach Park, are affecting the safety and well-being of surrounding neighbors and general public; and

WHEREAS, members of the surrounding community have developed a plan to improve and protect Kea'au Beach Park, which includes the following steps:

- 1) Recognition of the undeveloped area of Kea'au Beach Park as a part of the larger City park by the DPR and the Honolulu Police Department ("HPD");
- 2) Enforcement of park rules and of closure hours between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. by the HPD;
- 3) Installation of signage that clearly states park rules, including specific prohibitions on illegal camping, trespassing, illegal dumping, and use of fireworks, and clearly states park hours by the DPR;
- 4) Limitation of permitted camping to Friday through Sunday, or on State and federal holidays;
- 5) Installation of gates at park entrances, to be secured during closure hours;



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- 6) Placement of barriers, such as chains connected to posts or bollards, around the developed portion of the park to prevent vehicular traffic in the picnic and beach areas around the parking areas;
- 7) Installation of a single entrance to the undeveloped area of the park, secured with a gate; and
- 8) Installation of barriers along the stretch of Farrington Highway abutting the undeveloped portions of Kea'au Beach Park to prevent vehicles from entering the park and to deter illegal camping; and

WHEREAS, the DPR scheduled a rehabilitation project for Kea'au Beach Park from September through December of 2021 to improve the park's roadway, parking lot, and irrigation system; and

WHEREAS, the undeveloped areas of the Kea'au Beach Park should also receive care and maintenance from the DPR as they are part of the land that the City is responsible for maintaining and managing; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2022, the Council passed Bill 14 (2022), CD2, FD1, the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, which included a \$750,000 appropriation for post and chain installations at Kea'au Beach Park; and

WHEREAS, the Wai'anae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 unanimously approved a resolution substantially similar to this resolution urging the DPR and HPD to improve and address community concerns at Kea'au Beach Park; and

WHEREAS, to bring Kea'au Beach Park to a standard worthy of a City park, the City Council believes that a multi-agency effort is needed to clean and maintain the park, and to enforce City ordinances and park rules; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Honolulu Police Department to improve the conditions and address community concerns at Kea'au Beach Park, through the following actions:

- 1) Recognition of the undeveloped area of Kea'au Beach Park as a part of the larger City park by the DPR and the HPD;



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council supports the Wai'anae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 in its request for assistance from the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Honolulu Police Department, with support from the Mayor's office, to address the concerns listed in this resolution to ensure public and environmental health and safety at Kea'au Beach Park; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the Chief of Police.

INTRODUCED BY:

*A. Iyola*

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**JUN 21 2022**

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Introduced: 06/21/22 By: ANDRIA TUPOLA

Committee: PARKS AND COMMUNITY  
SERVICES (PCS)

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KEA'AU BEACH PARK.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

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06/21/22	INTRO	Introduced.
07/28/22	PCS	Reported out for adoption.  CR-204  3 AYES: TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA, TUPOLA  1 EXCUSED: FUKUNAGA
08/10/22	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted.  9 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'AINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS

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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.

  
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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
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TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER