HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. **24-25, CD1**

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS.

WHEREAS, Resolution 21-212 establishes guidelines for the City and County of Honolulu ("City") that governs the establishment and termination of its sister city relationships ("Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines provide that a sister city relationship may be established with another city that:

1. Shares a direct historical, cultural, or ethnic relationship with the people of Honolulu;

2. Be similar in population size or character to Honolulu; and

3. Share common public policy goals with Honolulu, including the promotion of business, trade, and tourism or the mutual exchange of friendship, culture, education, and technology.

WHEREAS, Rarotonga, Cook Islands, is a culturally rich island with a population that shares common values and interests with the people of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, expanded transportation between Rarotonga and Honolulu have strengthened economic ties and tourism between the two cities; and

WHEREAS, Rarotonga, Cook Islands, is committed to a sustainable and regenerative approach to tourism to ensure the preservation of its natural resources, culture, and environment; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a sister city relationship will provide an opportunity for residents of both cities to engage in mutual exchanges by fostering understanding and cooperation that will benefit both cities by sharing best practices on the environment, economy, education, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, this relationship will highlight the importance of fostering international friendships and cultural exchanges between cities around the world; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the guidelines and criteria for the establishment of a new sister city relationship have been met; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports establishing a sister city relationship with Rarotonga, Cook Islands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sister city agreement shall be consistent with the implementation policies of Resolution 21-212, which, in addition to provisions for establishing sister city relationships, also provide the terms and conditions to make these ties lasting and purposeful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the adoption of this resolution, the Mayor or the Mayor's designee is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, or the appropriate public official, to formalize the sister city relationship; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, and the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands or the appropriate public official.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

January 31, 2024
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 01/31/24 By: TOMMY WATERS - BY REQUEST Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS (EMLA)

Title: ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

01/31/24	INTRO	Introduced.
02/06/24	EMLA	Reported out for adoption as amended in CD1 form. CR-39 8 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, WATERS, WEYER 1 ABSENT: TUPOLA
02/28/24	CCL	Committee report and Resolution as amended were adopted. 9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER

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

TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER