

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 24-247

RESOLUTION

URGING LEEWARD COAST NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION'S FIREWISE USA PROGRAM AND TO HELP THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS ACHIEVE FIREWISE USA RECOGNITION.

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu ("City") has been increasingly subject to the effects of climate change, including more frequent drought conditions and higher incidences of wildfires; and

WHEREAS, wildfires are now a year-round concern for many areas in the City, especially on the Leeward Coast, where arid conditions and the presence of unmanaged vegetation mean higher rates of wildfires and an increased risk of those fires spreading to communities; and

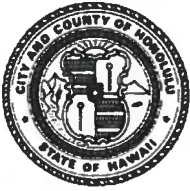
WHEREAS, as the City seeks to increase the inventory of affordable housing, it must also address the issues that may arise as neighborhoods encroach upon wildfire-prone areas; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association's Firewise USA recognition program ("program") is designed to help people learn about wildfire dangers and how they can make their homes and communities safer by preparing homes to withstand embers and preventing flames or surface fire from igniting homes and their surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the program involves homeowners, community leaders, planners, developers, and other stakeholders in a collaborative effort to safeguard communities from the risk of wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the program emphasizes community responsibility for organizing, designing, and implementing a wildfire risk reductions plan in the community, as well as effective emergency responses, and provides guidance for homeowners with regard to safer home design, construction, landscaping, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the program is an effective resource for agencies, organizations, fire departments, and communities across the United States that are working towards reducing loss of lives, property, and resources to wildfires by building and maintaining communities in ways that are compatible with their natural surroundings; now, therefore,



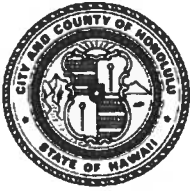
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges Leeward Coast neighborhood communities to participate in the National Fire Protection Association's Firewise USA program and to help their neighborhoods achieve Firewise USA recognition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Leeward Coast neighborhood community is urged to collaborate with the Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization, the Honolulu Fire Department, the State of Hawai'i Division of Forestry and Wildlife, and the National Fire Protection Association to organize subcommittees for neighborhood subdivisions, complete a community wildfire risk assessment that is updated every five years, create an action plan to reduce ignition risks that is updated every three years, and take any additional steps as may be necessary to have the communities within its neighborhood community boundary officially recognized as Firewise USA communities; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Fire Chief, the Executive Secretary of the Neighborhood Commission Office, and the Chairs of Nānākuli-Mā'ili Neighborhood Board No. 36, Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34, and Wai'anae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24.

INTRODUCED BY:

A. Ispola

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

OCT 03 2024

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 10/03/24 By: ANDRIA TUPOLA

Committee: PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND
TECHNOLOGY (PIT)

Title: URGING LEEWARD COAST NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION'S FIREWISE USA PROGRAM AND TO HELP THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS ACHIEVE
FIREWISE USA RECOGNITION.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

10/03/24	INTRO	Introduced.
10/24/24	PIT	Reported out for adoption. CR-328 3 AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM (temporary voting member), SAY, TUPOLA 2 ABSENT: TULBA, WEYER
11/07/24	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted. 8 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER 1 ABSENT: TULBA

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