

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

No. 24-291

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A FRIENDSHIP CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH ZHENGZHOU CITY,
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

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

WHEREAS, the Guidelines provide that cities potentially considered for a sister city or friendship city relationship should:

1. Share a direct historical, cultural, or ethnic relationship with the residents 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; and

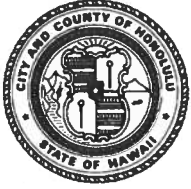
WHEREAS, Zhengzhou City, the capital of Henan province in the People's Republic of China ("China"), is located on the southern bank of the Yellow River in central China; and

WHEREAS, with a history spanning over 3,500 years, Zhengzhou is known as a national historical and cultural city; and

WHEREAS, the first Chinese settlers arrived in Hawai'i in 1789, and increasing numbers of Chinese immigrated to Hawai'i after 1852 as agricultural plantation laborers, leaving a significant cultural and social impact on the City that continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, numerous Chinese cultural organizations and business associations have been established in the City and actively contribute to and participate in City activities, including the Chinese Arts Wushu Culture Center of Hawaii and Global Integrity Services LLC; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu's Chinatown, established in the 1850s, has served as a thriving commercial district and a haven for recent settlers to the City from its inception until today; and



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WHEREAS, similar to Honolulu, Zhengzhou is known as a "gateway city" due to its locational importance, and its growth as a major city highlights the importance of economic, social, and land use planning in shaping urban development; and

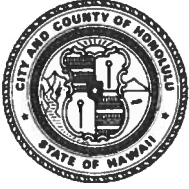
WHEREAS, Zhengzhou shares many common public policy goals with Honolulu, including the promotion of business, trade, and tourism and the mutual exchange of friendship, culture, education, and technology; and

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 friendship city relationship with Zhengzhou City, People's Republic of China; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the friendship city agreement shall be consistent with the implementation policies of Resolution 21-212, which, in addition to provisions for establishing friendship 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 Mayor of Zhengzhou, or the appropriate public official, to formalize the friendship 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 Mayor of Zhengzhou or the appropriate public official.

INTRODUCED BY:

Calvin K. Lee

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:

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