

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

No. 26 - 25

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**RESOLUTION**

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COMMENDING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ITS LEADERSHIP FOR ADOPTING CLEAR POLICIES THAT ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WHILE MAINTAINING PUBLIC SAFETY.

WHEREAS, in 1932, the State of Hawai'i formally established the Honolulu Police Commission and provided for an appointed Chief of Police to oversee the Honolulu Police Department ("HPD"), which had roots dating back to Hawai'i's monarchy; and

WHEREAS, City and County of Honolulu ("City") residents rely on the HPD to be transparent and accountable, even as the department faces challenges to policing as police practices evolve both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") finds recent nationwide events involving federal law enforcement agents and the use of masks to conceal agents' identities while carrying out law enforcement activities to be concerning; and

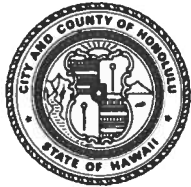
WHEREAS, the Council believes that the public's ability to identify law enforcement personnel is necessary to ensure transparency, accountability, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Council further believes that the rise in aggressive federal immigration enforcement actions conducted by agents who conceal their identities contributes to an overall distrust of all law enforcement personnel and should not be tolerated; and

WHEREAS, the HPD has clear policies governing use of masks, including Section V.C.5 of HPD Policy Number 3.22, which states that "[g]loves and masks are prohibited excepted as permitted for departmental purposes"; and

WHEREAS, the HPD also has clear policies with respect to law enforcement officers identifying themselves to the public, such as Section VIII.D.2 of HPD Policy Number 2.21, which provides that "[w]hen requested, officers shall courteously furnish their name and badge numbers both orally and in legible writing"; and

WHEREAS, the Council would like to publicly highlight the existence of these HPD policies, which align with the HPD's motto of "Serving and Protecting with Aloha," and formally commend both the HPD and its leadership; now, therefore,



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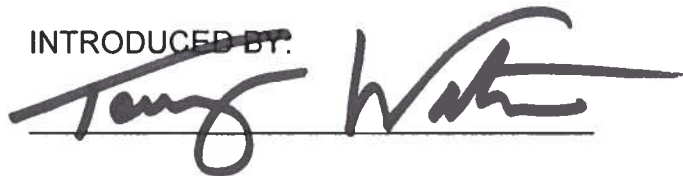
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it commends the Honolulu Police Department and its leadership for adopting clear policies that ensure transparency and accountability while maintaining public safety; and

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

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**JAN 29 2026**

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 01/29/26 By: TOMMY WATERS

Committee: PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY (PSE)

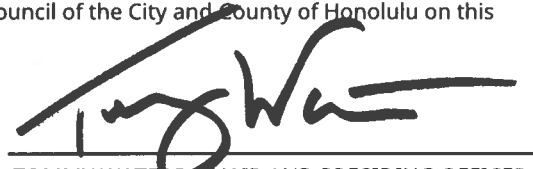
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Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

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| 01/29/26 | INTRO | Introduced.                                                                                                                                                       |
| 02/05/26 | PSE   | Reported out for adoption.<br><br>CR-44(26)<br><br>5 AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA                                                            |
| 02/18/26 | CCL   | Committee report and Resolution were adopted.<br><br>8 AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO*, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER<br><br>1 ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM |

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