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## RESOLUTION

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ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH CHENGDU, SICHUAN PROVINCE, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

WHEREAS, Resolution 91-240 established guidelines for the City and County of Honolulu ("Honolulu") that govern the establishment of its sister city relationships, as amended by Resolution 03-52; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines provide that a sister city relationship may be established with another city that shares a direct historical, cultural, or ethnic relationship; offers educational and technological assistance to Honolulu's business, industries, and labor force; offers the exchange of ideas and solutions based on similarities in population size or character; or has common bonds that are mutually beneficial to the citizens of both cities; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the sister city program more than forty years ago, Honolulu has established sister city ties with twenty-six international cities, of which three are cities in the People's Republic of China: Haikou, Zhongshan, and Qinhuangdao; and

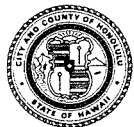
WHEREAS, Chengdu enjoys a subtropical climate, is famous for its food and tea culture, and is a popular tourist destination famous for its natural beauty, culture, ancient history, and world and national heritage sites, including the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda at the Wolong National Nature Reserve, Jiuzhaigou Valley, the Cottage of Du Fu, the Jinsha Relics Museum, and Wuhou Temple; and

WHEREAS, Chengdu has also been named one of China's most livable cities and Honolulu is often named one of the United States' most livable cities; and

WHEREAS, the city of Chengdu shares cultural and economic similarities with Honolulu, and a large portion of Honolulu's population traces its roots to China; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, following the devastation caused by an earthquake in the region, the Honolulu community contributed over \$115,000 to build a library at Yong Sheng Elementary School, Jiangyou City, near Chengdu, named "Xiaweiyi Qiao Ai Tushuguan" (The Library of the Love from Overseas Chinese of Hawaii); and

WHEREAS, Chengdu has also become a major economic center in China, with food, medicine, machinery and information technology being its main industries; and



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WHEREAS, Chengdu has been designated by the State Council as a Center of Science & Technology, Commerce & Trade and Finance and a Hub of Transportation and Telecommunications in Southwestern China and has been recognized as a National Model City for Environmental Protection, a National Garden City, and a Most Economically Dynamic City in China; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu believes that these cultural ties and the tremendous mutual economic opportunities offered by Chengdu and Honolulu serve as a strong foundation for a close sister city relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu is interested in establishing a sister city relationship with Chengdu; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International is a nonprofit organization that creates and strengthens partnerships between the United States and international communities; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International charges membership dues for member cities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports the establishment of a sister city relationship with the city of Chengdu, Sichuan Province, People's Republic of China; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Mayor of Chengdu to formalize the sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sister city agreement shall be consistent with the policies of Resolution 91-240, as amended; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sufficient monies are urged to be budgeted to pay for the dues for the Sister Cities International organization; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Mayor of Chengdu, Sichuan Province, People's Republic of China, Ms. Reta Jo Lewis, Special Representative for Global Intergovernmental Affairs, State Department, United States of America, and Mr. Francisco Sanchez, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Department of Commerce, United States of America.

INTRODUCED BY:

Stanley Chang

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

March 2, 2011  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
C E R T I F I C A T E

**RESOLUTION 11-72, CD1**

Introduced: 03/02/11 By: STANLEY CHANG

Committee: SAFETY, ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AND  
GOVERNMENT  
AFFAIRS

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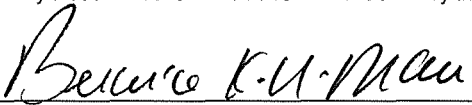
SAFETY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS	03/28/11	CR-80 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN <u>CD1</u> FORM.
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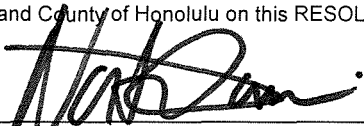
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COUNCIL	04/20/11	CR-80 AND RESOLUTION 11-72, CD1 WERE ADOPTED.							
ANDERSON	Y	BERG	Y	CACHOLA	Y	CHANG	Y	GABBARD TAMAYO	Y
GARCIA	Y	HARIMOTO	Y	KOBAYASHI	Y	MARTIN	Y		

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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.

  
BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK

  
NESTOR R. GARCIA, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER