



RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF VIGAN, ILOCOS SUR, PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has been invited to establish sister city ties with the City of Vigan, Ilocos Sur, Philippines by Resolution No. 01, Series of 2003, adopted by the City Council of Vigan on January 13, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the historical bonds that link the City of Vigan with the City and County of Honolulu date back to 1946 when the Hawaii Sugar Planters' Association recruited laborers from the various provinces of the Philippines to work on the sugar plantations and pineapple fields in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, of the immigrants who left the Philippines and made the voyage to Hawaii, over 3,000 were residents of Ilocos Sur, the province of the City of Vigan; and

WHEREAS, Vigan is historically significant as the city where the residents of Ilocos Sur departed and braved the unknown to begin a new life in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the House of Representatives of the Hawaii State Legislature recognized the common bonds that the Province of Ilocos Sur and the State of Hawaii share by establishing a sister province-state relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino immigrants and their descendents have become a vital part of the City and County of Honolulu's economic workforce and contributed greatly to the cultural and ethnic diversity that makes Honolulu unique as an American city; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the invitation of the City of Vigan, Ilocos Sur, Philippines to establish a sister city relationship with the City and County of Honolulu is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the adoption of this Resolution, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Mayor of Vigan to formalize the sister city relationship; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sister city agreement is requested to be consistent with the implementation policies of Resolution 91-240, as amended, which sets forth guidelines on the establishment of sister city relationships; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk is directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu and the Mayor and the Presiding Officer of the City Council of the City of Vigan.

INTRODUCED BY:

Romy A. Sanchez
Diana M. De la Cruz

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

FEB 19 2003

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted by the COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU on the date and by the vote indicated to the right.

ATTEST:

Genevieve G. Wong
GENEVIEVE G. WONG
CITY CLERK

Gary H. Okino
GARY H. OKINO
CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER

Dated March 19, 2003

ADOPTED MEETING HELD			
March 19, 2003			
	AYE	NO	A/E
CACHOLA	X		
DELA CRUZ	X		
DJOU	X		
GABBARD	X		
GARCIA	X		
KOBAYASHI	X		
MARSHALL	X		
OKINO	X		
TAM	X		
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