

## RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF BAGUIO IN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, the sister city program was established to foster friendship and understanding among municipal governments, as well as to bolster national and foreign policy through the development of mutual trust and goodwill among the peoples of the world; and

WHEREAS, during the past thirty-six years, Honolulu's sisterhood with thirteen international cities has resulted in educational, cultural and economic exchanges, missions and exhibitions which have been mutually beneficial to Honolulu and her sister cities; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu is interested in expanding her sister city family by inviting the City of Baguio in the Philippines to establish a sister city relationship; and

WHEREAS, under the guidelines of Resolution 91-240, the City of Baguio and Honolulu share some of the following common bonds:

- 1) A direct, historical, cultural and ethnic relationship -- Baguio's population is predominantly Ilocano-speaking and Baguio City is considered the educational center serving the northern Luzon areas, such as the Ilocos region, from which a large number of Filipinos have immigrated to Hawaii;
- 2) Educational and technological assistance -- like Honolulu (the "Gathering Place" in Hawaiian), Baguio is a cosmopolitan city, a gathering place for a variety of peoples, with similar challenges relating to its economy that is largely based on tourism and people seeking autonomy much like the native Hawaiian sovereignty movement; and
- 3) Liaison for exchanges of information and other lifestyle and practical values -- several Honolulu nonprofit organizations such as the Child and Family Services have already established direct working relationships or branch offices in Baguio;

and

WHEREAS, in today's world, establishing global links through the sister city program is appreciated for its realistic and practical value which is to share ideas and technology as well as

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its symbolic value of peace and mutual understanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Clerk extend the Council's invitation to the City of Baguio, Philippines for the establishment of a sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the acceptance of this invitation by the City of Baguio, the Mayor be requested to prepare and is authorized to sign and enter into an agreement, which shall be consistent with the implementation policies contained in Resolution 91-240, with the Mayor of the City of Baguio to formalize the sister city relationship; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City of Baguio, Philippines, and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Rep. Jansen*  
*Rep. Mervish*  
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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**OCT 11 1995**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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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

*[Signature]*  
**JOHN DeSOTO**  
 CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER

Dated 11/3/95

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