



RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF CANDON, PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, Resolution 91-240, as amended by Resolutions 03-52 and 12-21, establishes guidelines for the City and County of Honolulu ("Honolulu") that govern the establishment of its sister city relationships; 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, to date, Honolulu has established sister city relationships with over thirty cities, which, because a large portion of Honolulu's population traces its roots to the Philippines, includes five cities in the Philippines: Baguio, Cebu City, Laoag City, Manila, and Vigan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Candon, Philippines, has been historically, culturally, and ethnically linked to Honolulu since 1906, when fifteen Ilocano workers from Candon, then called "sakadas," traveled to Hawaii and found work in local sugarcane plantations. These workers settled in Hawaii and raised families, opening the door for other workers from Candon to settle in Hawaii during the early 1900's. Today, Filipinos are the largest ethnic population in Hawaii according to 2010 U.S. Census data, and families in Honolulu named Gironella, Sagun, Ramos, Cortez, Bello, Galmen, de Jesus and Dasulla trace their roots to the City of Candon and continue to maintain family connections with relatives in Candon; and

WHEREAS, like Hawaii, the City of Candon is known for its diversified economy that includes the following:

- Agriculture and livestock, with an emphasis on harvests of rice, corn, and vegetables, as well as the ranching of cattle, goats, hogs and chickens;
- Fishing and aquaculture, with abundant resources of fish, sea urchins, oysters and edible seaweed;
- Higher education, including being the home of four colleges of higher learning and two state colleges;



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- Banking, with four universal banks and eleven commercial banks providing comprehensive financial services, including financial remediation; and
- Retail business, including a network of large department stores and grocers;

and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2004 in Candon, then-Mayor Grace Gacula Singson and then-Honolulu Mayor Jeremy Harris signed the first Friendship Agreement between the City of Candon and the City and County of Honolulu. Subsequently, on February 13, 2014, Candon Mayor Ericson G. Singson and Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell signed a Renewal of Friendship Relations in Candon; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the following important events took place in Candon:

- On February 10, 2014, the Sangguniang Panlungsod (Candon's City Council) adopted Resolution No. 006-14, authorizing the Mayor of the City of Candon to sign a Sisterhood Pact with the City and County of Honolulu;
- On September 8, 2014, the Sangguniang Panlungsod adopted Resolution No. 069-14, establishing Sisterhood Relations with Honolulu; and
- On September 18, 2014, Candon Mayor Ericson G. Singson transmitted a formal Sister City proposal to Mayor Kirk Caldwell, which included a binder profiling the City of Candon and providing documentation of the close links between the City of Candon and Honolulu;

and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu finds that there are historical, cultural and ethnic ties that bind Candon and Honolulu that serve as a strong foundation for a close and enduring Sister City relationship, and that the guidelines and criteria for establishment of a new sister city have been met; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports establishing a Sister City relationship with the City of Candon, Philippines; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the adoption of this Resolution, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu or the Mayor's designee is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Mayor of Candon to formalize the Sister City relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sister City Agreement shall be consistent with the implementation policies of Resolution 91-240, as amended by Resolutions 03-52 and 12-21, which sets forth guidelines on the establishment of sister city relationships; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Mayor of the City of Candon, Philippines.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

FEB 19 2015

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
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RESOLUTION 15-42

Introduced: 02/19/15 By: BRANDON ELEFANTE

Committee: BUSINESS, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM

Title: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF CANDON,
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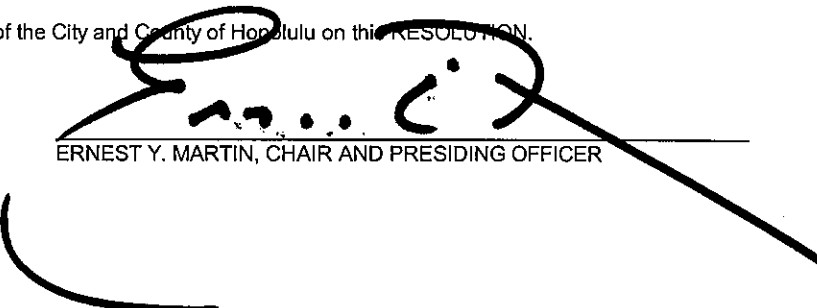
Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

03/05/15	BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM	CR-90 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.
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03/11/15	COUNCIL	CR-90 AND RESOLUTION 15-42 WERE ADOPTED. 8 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA. 1 ABSENT: PINE.

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 TAKAHASHI, ACTING CITY CLERK



ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER