

1) A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE MERRIE MONARCH FESTIVAL A HAWAI‘I ISLAND TREASURE

Approved: Unanimously

WHEREAS, the preservation of native Hawaiian culture is a major plank in the Hawai‘i Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, the Merrie Monarch Festival is a non-profit organization that honors the legacy left by King David Kalākaua, who inspired the perpetuation of Hawaiian traditions, native language and the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Merrie Monarch Festival was founded and coordinated in 1964 by “Uncle” George Na‘ope, a Hilo native and kumu hula; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 the private Merrie Monarch Festival community organization was formed by Hilo native Dorothy "Auntie Dottie" Thompson who added the Hilo competition in 1971; and

WHEREAS, the Merrie Monarch Festival has maintained strict standards of authenticity, the true history and culture of the ancient Hawaiian people is being perpetuated; and

WHEREAS, without such educational and cultural organizations as the Merrie Monarch Festival, the history and unique traditions of the hula would be lost forever; and

WHEREAS, the venue of Hawai‘i Island is the natural setting for the Merrie Monarch Festival because of the island’s adherence to the Hawaiian culture and lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, relocation of the Merrie Monarch Festival to an urban metropolis will lead to its commercialization akin to the cultural transformation of fabled Waikiki; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i County declares the Merrie Monarch Festival to be a Hawai‘i Island treasure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i County strongly urges elected officials of Hawai‘i County to abide by this declaration.

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2) A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL WATER RESOURCES IN HAWAI'I COUNTY

Approved: Unanimously

WHEREAS, “preserve and strengthen the future of agriculture in Hawai‘i is a major plank in the platform of the Hawai‘i Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i Island accounts for 820,000 acres of the state’s 1.3 million acres of agricultural land; and,

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i Island is home to all but two of the world’s 13 main climatic regions, making it an agricultural paradise; and,

WHEREAS, less than 15% of the food consumed in the State of Hawai‘i is produced locally; and,

WHEREAS, one of the reasons cited for the lack of interest for 737 acres of agricultural land put up for sale in Hāmākua by the Hawai‘i County government administration was the lack of water resources to sustain large scale farming; and,

WHEREAS, water availability for agriculture purposes is limited and subject to the Hawai‘i Water Code (HRS Chapter 174C); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i County encourages all Hawai‘i County officials to seek actively partnerships with developers and other solutions to increase the water resources for agricultural purposes.

**3) A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE
IN HAWAI'I COUNTY**

Approve: Unanimous

WHEREAS, “preserve and strengthen the future of agriculture in Hawai‘i” is a major plank in the platform of the Hawai‘i Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i Island accounts for 820,000 acres of the state’s 1.3 million acres of agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i Island is home to all but two of the world’s 13 main climatic regions, making it an agricultural paradise; and

WHEREAS, less than 15% of the food consumed in the State of Hawai‘i is produced locally; and

WHEREAS, a 2008 study conducted by the University of Hawai‘i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources concluded that replacing just 10% of the consumption of imported foods with locally produced foods would result in \$94 million in sales at the farm gate, generating an estimated economy-wide impact of \$188 million, \$47 million in earnings, \$6 million in state tax revenues and more than 2,300 jobs; and

WHEREAS, in response to demands for food sustainability, Mayor Billy Kenoi stated that “our kids are not farming...they don’t understand the value and importance...our farmers don’t have anyone to pass it on to...”; and

WHEREAS, the College of Agriculture at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo is relegated to a lesser status among competing disciplines such as the College of Pharmacy and Hawaiian Studies; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i County encourages all Hawai‘i County elected officials to promote programs at UHH-Hilo and Hawai‘i Community College and incentives that encourage our island youth to pursue agricultural fields as a career choice.

**4) BIG ISLAND SMART GRID RENEWABLE ENERGY
EXPORTER – HCC**

*Approve 23; Oppose 3
PASSED*

WHEREAS, the Big Island of Hawai‘i has abundant renewable energies, such as geothermal, wind, solar, ocean, and hydro; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has many grant programs designed specifically for enterprise zones, including renewable energy, specifically for the Big Island; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i Island residents pay some of the highest electric rates in the world, and we have one of the most abundant renewable energy resource sites in the world; and

WHEREAS, passing this resolution into the party platform will create high paying jobs on the Hawai‘i Island now and for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i Island has some of the most capable, well educated, and motivated individuals in the world who would work with and employ smart grid technologies; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i Island would also implement mentoring and educational programs for, by and through the Smart Grid Technology Program; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i Island would be the perfect global location for a living and working prototype of smart grid renewable technologies; and

WHEREAS, it is perfectly reasonable to create a competitive utility entity to compete with HELCO/HEI, and create cooperatives which are owned by the people of Hawai‘i Island; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon implementation of the Smart Grid Energy Program, energy costs will decrease, Hawai‘i Island will become a global incubator for Smart Energy Technology and this program should become part of the party platform.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Hawai‘i members of Congress, and Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature via the Hawai‘i Democratic State Convention 2010.

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**5) CHANGES TO INSERT 'CIVIL UNIONS' AND ADOPT HCC 3 (2008)
SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING EQUALITY AND JUSTICE
REGARDING SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY**

APPROVE: 25 OPPOSE: 0

WHEREAS; the resolution seems to adequately cover most issues, with the exception of civil unions; and

WHEREAS; the controversy surrounding HB444 in the State Legislature during the legislative sessions of 2009 and 2010 resulted in the failure of either the State Senate or State House of Representatives being able to reach agreement leading to passage of a bill recognizing “civil unions” between consenting adults; and

WHEREAS; the “Resolution Supporting and Promoting Equality And Justice Regarding Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity” does not mention “civil unions”, which are an important right that should be allowed to benefit the “equality” of Hawai‘i citizens regardless of sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS; the Democratic Party of the County of Hawai‘i is on record believing “that individuals are best nurtured within families of caring people” and supports “policies, services and institutions that strengthen families”; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED; RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING EQUALITY AND JUSTICE REGARDING SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITIY will be amended to include language supporting “civil unions”.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Hawai‘i County Committee is committed to work with the Gay, Lesbian, Transgender Caucus to achieve our mutual and laudable goals of justice, freedom, and equality for all, including passage of laws providing for “civil unions”.

6) RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

APPROVE: 28 OPPOSE: 0

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i County Democratic Party believes the health, safety and well-being of the general public are the primary responsibilities of County government; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i County Democratic Party is committed to supporting adequate traffic routes and encourages plans to identify these infrastructure needs and solutions; and

WHEREAS, many subdivisions/areas in the County of Hawai'i are on catchment water systems, these water supplies are inadequate in helping expedite fire tanker truck refills; and

WHEREAS, some subdivisions have substandard dirt roads and are lacking any cross connecting paved County roads to help first responders access all areas within these subdivisions in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, there are additional charges to individuals for the use of some emergency services that are already being paid for by the public in taxes to the County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the County shall install at least one fire hydrant in a strategic location in all subdivisions that at present do not have any hydrants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County shall upgrade the substandard roads with at least one cross road connecting other existing paved roads helping expedite first responder access to these subdivisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there shall be no added costs to the public for the use of any emergency services provided by the County.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, these specific goals should be followed by the respective county departments that are responsible for their implementation and be completed as funds, if required, are made available by the County Council or other government sources.

7) A RESOLUTION TO SUSTAIN THE HAWAIIAN HOME OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY ACT

Approve: Unanimously

WHEREAS, the support of native Hawaiian rights is a major plank in the platform of the Hawai'i Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Home Commission Act (HHCA) was enacted by Congress in 1920 to assist the native Hawaiian people by providing government land to re-establish native Hawaiian communities; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of statehood, responsibility for the administration of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act was transferred to the state of Hawai'i; and,

WHEREAS, DHHL was established as the executive agency to administer the Hawaiian Home Lands program in order to develop affordable housing opportunities for native Hawaiian families; and,

WHEREAS, native Hawaiians on Hawaiian Home Lands experience difficulty in securing home loans due to the lease arrangement between DHHL and native Hawaiian tenants; and,

WHEREAS, Congress authorized financial assistance to native Hawaiians through the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) section 247 program and HUD's section 184(a) program, Title VIII, known as the "Hawaiian Home Ownership Opportunity Act"; and,

WHEREAS, efforts in Congress were introduced to enhance HUD's section 184(a) guaranteed loans for refinancing in addition to construction; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) section 247 program and HUD's section 184(a) program, Title VIII is successful in assisting low-income Hawaiian families with their housing needs; and,

WHEREAS, Republicans in Congress have opposed legislative efforts directed towards assistance to native Hawaiians in general, and the Hawaiian Home Ownership Opportunity Act in particular; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i supports the Hawaiian Home Ownership Act and encourages the Hawai'i congressional delegation to continue efforts to reauthorize the Act and resist Republican efforts to repeal it.

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8) RESOLUTION STRENGTHENING THE BONDS BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES

Approved Unanimously

WHEREAS, the elected officials in Hawai'i who claim membership in the Democratic Party and the Party's rank and file members need to develop and maintain a close working relationship if they wish to have a leadership role as the State moves forward to address the serious problems of the future; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i currently has more than 60,000 members; every two years Democratic party members participate in open collaborative analysis that reviews the core values of the Party, as expressed in its platform, and considers appropriate avenues of action to make progress on those core values; and

WHEREAS, the results of that broad view and analysis become the platform and resolutions that are meant to guide activities over the next two years; and

WHEREAS, members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i increasingly express concerns that elected officials begin to disappear from the scene shortly after the State Convention, and proceed to focus on their own elections without regard to the views expressed by the Party, by the time the elections are completed, the disconnect is quite complete; and

WHEREAS, the disconnect between the voters and their government, particularly elected officials, has led to increased distrust, lack of confidence in the government and elected officials, decreasing participation by voters in elections and Democratic Party activities; and

WHEREAS, the rank and file members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i want to establish more systematic mechanisms through which they can ensure common values with their elected officials and through which they can hold elected officials more accountable to the expressed values and policies of the Party members; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that prior to filing papers for election, a candidate seeking to run as a member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i in a special, primary, or general election must present a petition signed by 0.5 percent of the total number of citizens eligible to vote in that election, based on information provided by the Hawai'i Office of Elections, as determined by the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that candidates seeking to run in a special election must obtain the required personal signatures between the time the Hawaii Office of Elections officially announces the special election and five (5) days before the final filing date, however, if the period between the announcement and the final filing date is less than ten (10) days, the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will set the rules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that candidates seeking to run in the Democratic Party's primary election must obtain the requisite personal signatures on their petition between the day of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i's precinct organizing committee meeting and twenty-one (21) days prior to the filing deadline for that election, as determined by the Office of Elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that petition forms will be issued by Democratic Party of Hawai'i headquarters for offices covering more than a single county; for offices that are within a single county, petition forms will be issued by the County Democratic Party.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that candidates must notify the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and affected County Democratic parties when they wish to obtain a Democratic Party of Hawai'i candidate petition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a person who fails to obtain the requisite personal signatures from members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and proceeds to file as a candidate for public office will automatically be removed from the rolls of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon adoption by the 2010 Democratic Party of Hawai'i State convention, this resolution will go into immediate effect and the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will be amended accordingly.

9) RESOLUTION REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Approve: 30 Oppose: 0

WHEREAS, significant rural areas of Hawai‘i are not served by either land nor cellular telephone/internet service or the service is unaffordable, emergency notifications such as Tsunami and Severe Weather Warnings are not available to resident’s, endangering both residents and emergency responders; police, fire, and ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, the county of Hawai‘i currently has an emergency notification system available utilizing land and cellular telephone lines to issue emergency alerts to residents within service areas covered by commercial cellular services, and has provided in concert with cellular service companies a small service area near the lava viewing area at the end of highway 137; and

WHEREAS, tsunami warning towers are in existence in most areas, cellular/internet service providers could share towers for regular service and emergency notification purposes as well as providing internet access, thus reducing the cost for both commercial and county public safety services and enhancing first responders timeliness in emergency situations. Public support for construction of service towers would be greatly enhanced due to the multi-purpose nature of single towers. The commercial rent of the tower space could easily offset the cost of construction and maintenance of the emergency warning towers; and

WHEREAS, the National Democratic Party is advocating universal broadband coverage; Hawai‘i could be the leader in modern communications access, marring public and commercial interests in providing emergency service warnings, telephone and internet access for residents and visitors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urges the implementation of construction and use of emergency warning service towers utilized in concert with private commercial communication companies to provide telephone and internet service to rural and coastal residents, also improving access to and safety of emergency first responders.

10) REQUESTING DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF GEOTHERMAL ENERGY AS THE PRIMARY BASELOAD ENERGY SOURCE IN THE GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII

Approve: 20 Oppose: 0

WHEREAS, electricity is a cornerstone for an active, healthy, and robust economy and is critical for the well-being of our health, safety, high standard of living, and way of life; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the island's/state's electricity is generated from fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, this dependence on fossil fuels results in a highly volatile and vulnerable economy which is not in control of the state or its citizens; and

WHEREAS, a growing body of evidence indicates that our addiction to fossil fuels erodes and deteriorates our economy, our environment, our standard of life, and our well-being; and

WHEREAS, the technology and commercial use of geothermal and other renewable energy is world known as a firm, reliable and relatively affordable energy resource in the generation of base load electricity; and

WHEREAS, the Island of Hawai'i has abundant and known (and as yet not fully tapped) supplies of these renewable resources; and

WHEREAS, this proven, affordable but minimally used reliable, renewable, and firm energy resource when fully used, could mean energy self-sufficiency, a vibrant and robust self sustainable economy, and yet higher standards of living for all citizens; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i supports and promotes the further development and use of the state's renewable energy geothermal energy resource on the Island of Hawai'i in order to nurture a healthy, active, robust, self sufficient, self sustaining economy and lifestyle.

11) RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRIC UTILITY GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Approve: 20 Oppose: 0

WHEREAS, the service provided by privately owned electricity generating and distributing system provides reliable, but expensive and heavily dependent on strategically unfavorable fossil fuel energy; and

WHEREAS, at the current price level there is no incentive for private utilities providers to move into renewable sources and smart grid; and

WHEREAS, long term interest of public will be better served through public ownership of smart grid and power generating plants; and

WHEREAS, the current private utility system inhibits the utilization of Hawaiian natural energy sources, and

WHEREAS, the operation and maintenance of publicly owned generating sources and the smart grid can be subcontracted to private enterprise; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Democratic Party shall encourage the development of a publicly owned electric utility generation and distribution system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be made available to all the members of State Legislature for consideration and securing financial means necessary (including but not limited to bonds and federal grants).

12) RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE BLNR REQUIRE CLEAN UP OF DEPLETED URANIUM (DU) RADIATION CONTAMINATION AT POHAKULOLOA TRAINING AREA

Approve: 24 Oppose: 0

WHEREAS, now it has been confirmed that in the 1960s the U.S. Army used the Pohakuloa Training Area for firing spotting rounds containing Depleted Uranium (DU) for the Davy Crockett nuclear weapon system; and

WHEREAS, the Army has acknowledged past use of Depleted Uranium in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the DU spotting rounds have created the presence of radiation contamination at Pohakuloa; and

WHEREAS, due to inaccurate military record keeping, there may be more DU contamination at Pohakuloa than just Davy Crockett spotting rounds; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2008 the Hawai'i County Council passed Resolution 639-08 by a vote of 8-1; and

WHEREAS, resolution 639-08 called for "a complete halt to B-2 bombing missions and to all live firing exercises and other activities at the Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) that creates dust until there is an assessment and clean up of the depleted uranium already present"; and

WHEREAS, live-fire continues at PTA and the DU has not been cleaned up; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hawai'i Democratic Party request that the State BLNR require clean up of depleted uranium (DU) radiation contamination at Pohakuloa.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Hawai'i's Congressional delegation, State Legislators, Hawai'i County Council members, the Mayor of Hawai'i County, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the State BLNR, and the U.S. Army Garrison Commander, Pohakuloa Training Area.

13) **RESOLUTION REGARDING STATE-WIDE WI-FI CAPABILITY**

APPROVE: 25 OPPOSE: 0

WHEREAS, communication is vital to a vibrant economy in the 21st Century, and because open access to FM transmitted telecommunication greatly enhances the availability of the internet to the public, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the State of Hawai'i needs to pursue methods of improving communications within its borders and between itself and other states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Wi-Fi capability be promoted and supported for the entire state of Hawai'i, both in urban and remote areas at reasonable cost to the user.

14) STATEWIDE MEDICAL MARIJUANA INITIATIVE RESOLUTION

Approve: 18 Oppose: 4

WHEREAS, in 2008 the people of Hawai‘i County voted to make possession of 24 cannabis plants, or less, the police department’s lowest enforcement priority, and

WHEREAS, cannabis has been statutorily recognized for medical use and individuals certified for medical cannabis (marijuana) are allowed to grow or have grown for them up to 7 plants; and

WHEREAS, there exists no legal means for medical cannabis (marijuana) users to obtain seeds to grow or purchase grown/processed amounts of the medication, certified as medically required by a state licensed physician; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hawai‘i Democratic Party supports that the State legislate and amend existing law to allow persons holding a medical marijuana certificate be permitted to obtain seeds to grow medical marijuana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party supports that the State legislature amend existing laws to allow the use and possession of and growing of up to 24 cannabis plants for medical or personal use not excluding the enforcement of statutes currently in place for alcohol or other controlled substances.

15) A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HAWAI'I'S KIDS

Approved Unanimously

WHEREAS, with our children and grand-children lie our hopes and dreams of an improved future for them and our island community; and

WHEREAS, a good education is essential for our keiki to achieve their hopes and dreams in the global community of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, time spent in the classroom with professional instructors is an essential component of the education of our islands' youth; and

WHEREAS, at the expense of our children's and grandchildren's education, "Furlough Fridays" have been used as a way to balance Hawai'i's budget; and

WHEREAS, many parents work long hours and do not have the time and/or money to provide adequate supervision on "Furlough Fridays"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i not allow our youth's education to be used as a pawn in budgetary negotiations, and that the improvement of our young people's education be a top priority.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to state legislators, the Board of Education, and the governor.

16) A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING USING AN ADJUNCT ELECTRONIC FORMAT TO ALLOW PARTICIPATION VIA THE INTERNET WHEN HOLDING DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETINGS

Approve: 33 Oppose: 0

WHEREAS, there is often a very poor turnout at precinct club meetings on years when there is not a presidential caucus, and the turnout at the precinct club meetings in 2010 was particularly poor in light of the tremendous turn out two years earlier when Barack Obama won the caucus vote; and

WHEREAS, many precincts did not have a single member in attendance and many more had only one or two members who attended, and the lack of attendance caused many precincts to fall into the category of “unorganized precincts”; and

WHEREAS, it is a tremendous waste of resources including gasoline in those far flung precincts where members drove/flew long distances to attend Democratic Party meetings including, SCC, HCC, District and Precinct meetings; and

WHEREAS, in order to attract younger members and high tech members (who use the Internet technology in their personal and business lives every day) to our aging party membership; and

WHEREAS, there was a failure to capitalize on the tremendous party growth resulting from the previous Obama caucus; and

WHEREAS, due to travel cost from neighbor islands many of our parties members are not able to participate in the decision making process when meeting and hearings, etc. are held on O‘ahu; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i Senate is now live broadcasting many key sessions and committee meetings and both houses are now State and County government are accepting testimony electronically via the Internet; and

WHEREAS, most U.S. corporations now do the bulk of their shareholder voting with adjunct electronic voting via www.proxyvote.com; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i make it possible via rule changes and technology assistance for our members to participate and vote in all elections and important meetings including pre-convention resolution drafting meetings, County and State conventions, future precinct club, and district meetings using the Internet (e.g.. Go To Meeting) and/or conference calls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these meetings can be conducted with some form of adjunct electronic format to conserve energy, save travel time, and increase participation by all members, and this will also result in greatly increased participation and precinct viability while keeping in place the existing methods for those who prefer them.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution a committee be formed to explore the best methodology available to provide adjunct electronic meetings in an efficient manner; that these electronic adjunct services should be made available to all party meetings as soon as possible but no later than prior to the 2012 round of Democratic Party Precinct Club elections and, it shall be the responsibility of the appointed committee and those wishing to use such adjunct services to assure that the services are available when needed. The services will be needed upon the Party’s determination that the individual is prevented by health or physical disability reasons from performing the necessary travel or the trip will either result in a cost exceeding \$50 or a total of more than 1 hour travel time.

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17) A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SELF SUFFICIENCY AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Approved: Unanimously

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is vulnerable to loss of supply lines through economic upheaval and civil conflict; and

WHEREAS, locally grown agricultural products are generally healthier; and

WHEREAS, a vibrant agricultural system will promote the wellbeing of the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a lack of sufficient infrastructure to meet the needs of farmers and the consumers they serve; and

WHEREAS, small farms and farmers lack adequate facilities to store and distribute their products; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the State must commit to supporting, protecting, expanding and improving the agricultural sector in particular, and environmental sustainability in general.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party should support the promotion of sustainable agriculture, thereby lessening the percentage of foodstuffs imported into Hawai'i.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party shall support the promotion of locally grown agricultural items by strongly supporting the small farms and farmers.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party shall support the development of local food storage and distribution centers (county, private or non-profit).

18) A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE EFFORTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF GEORGE YOKOYAMA TO FIGHT POVERTY AND INEQUALITY OF UNDERPRIVILEGED AND DISADVANTAGED RESIDENTS OF HAWAII COUNTY

Approved: unanimously

WHEREAS, George Yokoyama is a lifetime resident of Hawai'i County; and

WHEREAS, George Yokoyama is a lifelong and tireless advocate of the Democratic Party beliefs and ideology; and

WHEREAS, George Yokoyama is a tireless advocate on behalf of economically and socially disadvantaged individuals and groups; and

WHEREAS, George Yokoyama has been a champion in the fight against poverty by providing, supporting and implementing programs to help the underprivileged; and

WHEREAS, George Yokoyama has fought to address the education of disadvantaged high school students through the Drop Out Prevention Program (DOPP); and

WHEREAS, George Yokoyama has provided low income immigrant families with students in the 3rd and 4th grade additional educational and cultural skills through the Language Arts multi-Cultural Program ("LAMP"); and

WHEREAS, George Yokoyama has assisted underprivileged families meet their energy needs by implementing projects in solar energy, solar water heating, energy bill assistance and bio-energy; and

WHEREAS, George Yokoyama has assisted underprivileged students and senior citizens in meeting transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, George Yokoyama has developed numerous job training programs to assist low income and other disadvantaged residents; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party support the recognition of George Yokoyama as a champion in the fight against poverty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party will support programs that fight poverty and the causes of poverty.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to state and county legislators.

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19) SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY RESOLUTIONS BY ELECTED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I

Approved: Unanimously

WHEREAS, untold thousands of hours are spent by members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i at the precinct, district, county, and state levels to draft and review resolutions; and

WHEREAS, these resolutions after careful review and debate, allowing all to have their say, are voted on in a democratic fashion; and

WHEREAS, the aspirations and dreams of members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i are reflected in said resolutions; and

WHEREAS, resolutions that are passed at the state convention become the bedrock upon which the Democratic Party of Hawai'i is based; and

WHEREAS, being a Democrat should reflect a basic value system that has been created by the sharing of ideas at the precinct, county, and state levels; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that elected officials at all levels of government who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i should reflect the beliefs of party members who have worked so diligently to craft, debate, and vote for the resolutions passed at the State Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that elected officials who are registered members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall be included as delegates, outside of the number of delegates allowed per their respective precinct, and shall be encouraged to attend their respective County conventions and to take an active part in platform and policy formation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a scorecard or other means of evaluation of the above named government officials be implemented by the Democratic Party of Hawai'i to give party members a sense of said officials compliance with the resolutions and platform passed by this body.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that at every annual convention, the Platform Committee may require an explanation from any current Democratic office holder about any official statement or vote that appears to seriously deviate from the existing platform and resolutions.

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