

Resolution

No. 18-19

URGING THE MAYOR TO SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

WHEREAS, although women have made significant gains in the struggle for equality in most fields, more action is needed to fully eradicate discrimination based on sex and gender; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (“the Convention”); and

WHEREAS, in 1981, the Convention entered into force as an international treaty, and is the only human rights treaty focused on women’s rights; and

WHEREAS, out of the 194 nations in the world, the United States of America, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Iran, Palau, and Tonga are the seven nations that have not ratified the Convention; and

WHEREAS, in nations that have ratified the Convention, women have partnered with their governments to improve the status of women and girls by changing laws and policies to provide safer environments and opportunities for women, girls, and their families; and

WHEREAS, state, county, and other forms of municipal governments have an appropriate and legitimate role in affirming the importance of international laws as universal norms and guides for public policy in communities; and

WHEREAS, the “Cities for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women” campaign seeks to protect the rights of women and girls by passing legislation that establishes the principles of the Convention in cities and towns across the United States; and

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WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii, the City and County of Honolulu, the County of Hawaii, and most recently, the County of Kauai, have joined the “Cities for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women” campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the County of Maui recognizes that women have made gains in the struggle for equality in many fields, but that more needs to be accomplished to fully eradicate discrimination based on gender and its connection and intersectionality between other forms of discrimination to achieve one of the most basic human rights: equality; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it does hereby urge the Mayor to support the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, the County of Maui’s Committee on the Status of Women, and the heads of all County departments.

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is **HEREBY CERTIFIED** that **RESOLUTION NO. 18-19** was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 9th day of March, 2018, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Michael B. WHITE Chair	Robert CARROLL Vice-Chair	Alika ATAY	Eleanora COCHRAN	S. Stacy CRIVELLO	Donald S. GUZMAN	G. Riki HOKAMA	Kelly T. KING	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye



COUNTY CLERK