
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE KAUA'I COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR
PLAN, KAUA'I KĀKOU: KAUA'I COUNTY GENERAL PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, the American Planning Association recognizes
2 individuals, communities, private organizations, public
3 agencies, and professional planning and design firms whose work
4 exemplifies the planning professions highest goals and ideals;
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7 WHEREAS, in 2019, the American Planning Association
8 selected the plan created by the County of Kaua'i Planning
9 Department, titled *Kaua'i Kākou: Kaua'i County General Plan*, as
10 the recipient of one of five National Planning Excellence
11 Awards; and

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13 WHEREAS, *Kaua'i Kākou* received the 2019 Daniel Burnham Award
14 for a Comprehensive Plan, which is bestowed in honor of Daniel
15 H. Burnham and is the most prestigious honor the American
16 Planning Association awards for excellence in comprehensive
17 planning; and

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19 WHEREAS, *Kaua'i Kākou* previously received the 2018
20 Outstanding Planning Award from the Hawaii Chapter of the
21 American Planning Association, in recognition of the general
22 plan's innovation and response to community input; and

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24 WHEREAS, the general plan is the guiding policy document
25 for the County of Kaua'i, directing where and how growth should
26 occur to ensure sustainability, resilience, and opportunity for
27 all over the next twenty years; and

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29 WHEREAS, the general plan embodies the theme *Kaua'i Kākou*, a
30 Hawaiian concept meaning "we're all in this together", by
31 identifying different ways of collaborating and encouraging



1 partnerships among government agencies, civic leaders, nonprofit
2 groups, and the community to bring about positive change; and
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4 WHEREAS, the objectives and actions of the general plan
5 were organized into ten topical areas, or sectors: the
6 watershed; housing; land transportation; critical
7 infrastructure; shared spaces; economy; heritage resources;
8 energy sustainability & climate change mitigation; public safety
9 & hazards resiliency; and opportunity & health for all; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Planning Department's project team set out to
12 create a plan inspired by the most progressive thinking in
13 comprehensive planning that acknowledges Kaua'i's unique heritage
14 by including policies to support social equality among Kaua'i's
15 ethnically diverse community, protect Kaua'i's heritage
16 resources, and connect Native Hawaiian traditions, such as the
17 ahupua'a system, with modern day land use and management
18 principles; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
22 2020, that this body hereby congratulates the County of Kaua'i
23 Planning Department for receiving the most prestigious National
24 Planning Excellence Award that the American Planning Association
25 bestows for excellence in comprehensive planning -- the 2019
26 Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan -- and receiving
27 the 2018 Outstanding Planning Award from the Hawaii Chapter of
28 the American Planning Association, for the Planning Department's
29 plan *Kaua'i Kākou: Kaua'i County General Plan*; this body
30 expresses its appreciation and applause to the Planning
31 Department for its work to provide years of government and
32 community guidance that exemplifies the planning profession's
33 highest goals and ideals, through the creation of a general plan
34 inspired by the most progressive thinking in comprehensive
35 planning and specifically tailored to meet the unique needs of
36 the Kaua'i community.
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