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January 4, 2016

The Honorable Mike White
Council Chair
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair White:

**SUBJECT: URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROHIBIT
THE SALE AND TRADE OF IVORY AND
RHINOCEROS HORN IN HAWAII (PAF 15-232)**

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROHIBIT THE SALE AND TRADE OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN IN HAWAII," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elle Cochran". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ELLE COCHRAN
Councilmember

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Attachment

Resolution

No. _____

URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROHIBIT THE SALE AND TRADE OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN IN HAWAII

WHEREAS, there is worldwide concern regarding the plight of elephants and rhinoceroses, which are being poached at alarming rates, with an average of 96 elephants per day killed in Africa; and

WHEREAS, illegal poaching and wildlife trafficking is the fourth-largest transnational crime; ivory helps fund the military operations of notorious terrorist groups; and smuggling gangs move tons of tusks to markets thousands of miles away, including Maui County; and

WHEREAS, the states of California, New York, and New Jersey have recently enacted prohibitions on intrastate ivory and rhinoceros horn commerce; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii is ranked third for the size of its ivory market, behind only California and New York; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 674 (2015), cosponsored by Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran of Maui, and House Bill (2015) have been introduced at the State Legislature for the stated purpose of protecting “all species of animals with ivory teeth and tusks and all rhinoceroses by prohibiting the importation, sale, barter, or possession with the intent to sell of any ivory, ivory product, rhinoceros horn, or rhinoceros horn product.”; now, therefore,

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

1. That it urges the State Legislature to enact prohibitions on intrastate ivory and rhinoceros horn commerce; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui, Lieutenant Governor, State of

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Hawaii; the Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Speaker, Hawaii State House of Representatives; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President, Hawaii State Senate; the Honorable Gilbert Keith-Agaran, State Senator, State of Hawaii; the Hawaii Council of Mayors; and the Executive Committee of the Hawaii State Association of Counties.

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