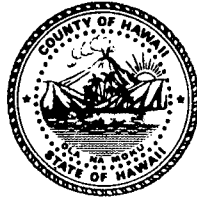


COUNTY OF HAWAI'I



STATE OF HAWAI'I

RESOLUTION NO. 265 09

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROTECTION OF HAWAI'I COUNTY'S HOME-RULE AUTHORITY IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL POLICY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i County Council is responsible for the promulgation of regulatory actions regarding the development and enforcement of agricultural policies for Hawai'i Island, and

**WHEREAS**, both the County of Hawai'i and the State of Hawai'i have identified food security and food self-sufficiency as priorities in the Hawai'i 2050 Report, and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i County Council in Resolution No. 81-09 adopted on April 22, 2009 and the Maui County Council in Resolution No. 09-29 adopted on March 20, 2009 urged opposition to House Bill No. 1226 HD1, which sought to preempt the Counties from enacting any legislation relating to genetically modified plant organisms and seeds in the future, and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i County Council recognizes its responsibilities to be more proactive in this critical policy arena, particularly in light of recent policies around genetically-modified organisms and its future in the State and County of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hawai'i must retain the 'right' to administer plans to protect its lands and natural ecosystems (watershed, dry forest, stream management, water resources, coastal lands, and reefs) to ensure the viability of agricultural systems for current and future farmers and ranchers, as well as for future well-being of the people of this island; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hawai'i must retain the 'right' to protect the health, safety and general welfare of all county residents; now, therefore

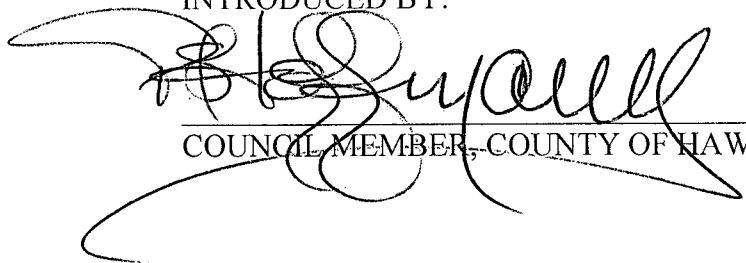
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I** that all efforts be taken to maintain the County's home-rule authority in all matters involving agricultural policy, especially those relating to genetically-modified organisms.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I** that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Honorable William P. Kenoi, Mayor, County of Hawai'i; the Honorable Charmaine Tavares, Mayor, County of Maui; the Honorable Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Mayor, County of Kaua'i; the Honorable Mufi Hannemann, Mayor, City and County of Honolulu; the honorable members of the Council of Maui County; the honorable members of the Council of the County of Kaua'i; the

honorable members of the City and County Council of Honolulu; the State Speaker of the House and the members of the House of Representatives; the State Senate President and members of the Senate.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, Hawai'i, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

INTRODUCED BY:

  
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 COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

COUNTY COUNCIL  
 County of Hawai'i  
 Hilo, Hawai'i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on \_\_\_\_\_.

ATTEST:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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ENRIQUES				
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Reference: C-593/PWIRC-

COUNTY CLERK CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER: RESOLUTION NO. 265 09