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Council of the City and County of Honolulu

Certificate

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING HAWAII CEDAR CHURCH

ON ITS MANY EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

The Honolulu City Council takes great pleasure in recognizing and honoring Hawaii Cedar Church and its Good Samaritan Foundation for its many exceptional contributions to the community. Their commitment and dedication to the people of the City and County of Honolulu is an inspiration to us all.

Established in 1975, Hawaii Cedar Church has helped to support and strengthen Korean culture throughout Hawaii, as well as addressing the needs of the less fortunate on Oahu. Through humanitarian efforts provided by its Good Samaritan Foundation, Hawaii Cedar Church has created programs targeting rehabilitation for substance abuse, homelessness, and care for our senior citizens.

Under the leadership of President Duk Whan Kim, the Good Samaritan Foundation has made a tremendous impact on the community as their drug rehabilitation center, House of Love, has provided vital services to the community since 2005. Additionally, the foundation has been operating their homeless ministry for the past 8 years, which includes a farm in Waianae Valley that provides housing and employment for 25 homeless families and 16 paupers. The compassionate members of the foundation understand that many homeless individuals are experiencing an unimaginable amount of pain due to trauma from divorce, job loss or war. The Good Samaritan Foundation also recognizes the growing population of seniors in our communities, and with the acquisition of 2.5 acres of land, the foundation is currently working on the Hosanna Nursing Home Project for Korean senior citizens. This project will provide a large capacity care facility that will offer God's love to seniors in a beautiful and comfortable environment.

Over the years, Hawaii Cedar Church has been teaching Korean culture and language through its Korean Cultural School, and continues to play a unique role in promoting rich cultural ties and a better understanding of eastern and western traditions. Internationally, the mission of Cedar Church is to help the children of their sister churches in London, Spain and Northern Africa by supporting their education and providing relief in sustaining sanitary living conditions, especially in rural areas.

Today, Hawaii Cedar Church promotes the importance of giving back to the community through volunteerism. Church members participate in training people to become spiritual leaders in their Evangel Theological Seminary, and continue to raise funds for economically challenged students and maintaining their food bank which gives food and more importantly hope to those in greatest need.

Therefore, on behalf of the people of the City and County of Honolulu, the Honolulu City Council hereby recognizes and honors Hawaii Cedar Church and its Good Samaritan Foundation on its many exceptional contributions to the community. The Council further extends to Hawaii Cedar Church and the rest of its ohana, a warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

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ANN H. KOBAYASHI, Introducer


JOEY MANAHAN, Introducer


KIMBERLY M. PINE, Introducer


ERNEST Y. MARTIN, Chair











