

# Resolution

No. 06-53

## CONGRATULATING WAILUKU MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION, INC./TRI-ISLE MAIN STREET RESOURCE CENTER ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, in 1986, Wailuku Main Street Association, Inc./Tri-Isle Main Street Resource Center (WMSA) was established to aggressively pursue, through grassroots community efforts, the economic revitalization of small towns within the context of historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, recognized as a valuable community partner, WMSA has augmented existing government services through its direct relationship and ongoing involvement with Maui County's Department of Planning to assist with developing and implementing community plans, reviewing project design proposals, recommending "Smart Growth" tools, and providing technical assistance and professional resources to the Maui Redevelopment Agency and other agencies working toward the betterment and preservation of small towns; and

WHEREAS, nationally recognized for its beautification efforts in Wailuku, WMSA was the only Main Street Town organization in the nation to be the recipient of the "Take Pride in America" award, in recognition of efforts to transform blighted vacant lots into aesthetically pleasing pocket parks, a farmer's market, and street-festival sites; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to generate and sustain economic viability, WMSA has networked with the Mayor's Office of Economic Development in the adoption and implementation of the Wailuku Redevelopment Plan; proposed redevelopment of the Wailuku Municipal Parking Lot; strategic planning for economic development conferences; and in assisting small-town entrepreneurs with renovation, rehabilitation, and expansions of properties and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the County's acquisition and renovation of the historic treasure known as Iao Theater, situated in the heart of Wailuku Town and currently utilized as a venue for broad-based public use, including theatrical performances, remains a highly acclaimed, hallmark accomplishment of WMSA; and