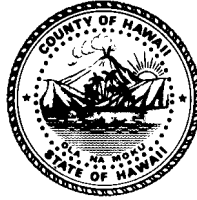


COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I



STATE OF HAWAI‘I

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PLANNING DIRECTOR TO INITIATE A ZONING CODE AMENDMENT FOR AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION FROM UNZONED AND AGRICULTURAL (A-1a) TO AGRICULTURAL (A-500a) AT WAIMEA, SOUTH KOHALA, HAWAI‘I, COVERED BY TAX MAP KEY 6-5-001:020, IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE WAIMEA PU‘U AS CULTURAL AND OPEN SPACE RESOURCES AND TO PRESERVE THEIR AGRICULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL USES.

WHEREAS, the 2005 Hawai‘i County General Plan states that “[t]he pastures and pu‘u immediately above Waimea Town have been identified as a vista of exceptional natural beauty”; and

WHEREAS, the 1992 Northwest Hawai‘i Regional Plan identifies the Waimea pu‘u as "significant cinder cones" and recommends that “these distinctive geological features should be preserved and protected”; and

WHEREAS, the Waimea Design Plan adopted by the Hawai‘i County Council in 1986 lists as one of its design objectives “to preserve views toward distant focal points including Mauna Kea, Mauna Loa, adjoining pu‘us and Kohala Mountains”; and

WHEREAS, portions of the pu‘u known as Hōkū‘ula, Pu‘u‘owā‘owaka, and Pu‘u Kī are located within that certain parcel of land comprised of approximately 420.17 acres situate at Waimea, South Kohala, Hawai‘i, more particularly described as tax map key 6-5-001:020 (hereinafter the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, Hōkū‘ula is the site of a decisive battle (circa 1650 A.D.) in a major war between the Kingdom of Maui and the Kingdom of Hawai‘i, and the Hōkū‘ula Battleground was listed on the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Commission’s 2006 Properties and/or Entitlements for Partnership List for “preservation for recreational purposes,” with the recommendation that this “important historical site should be on the State and National Registers for Historic Sites”; and

WHEREAS, the Property continues to be used by Native Hawaiians for traditional gathering purposes, and by local hunters who traverse the parcel to access the Waipi‘o Valley Rim Trail and hunt in the Kohala Forest Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Property as a whole forms a beautiful backdrop for Waimea Town that is enjoyed by residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the Property is currently owned by the State of Hawai‘i and leased to Parker Ranch until 2011 under a pasture lease, and is being utilized as productive grazing land, a watershed, and a forest reserve buffer zone; and

WHEREAS, the Property is located within the State Land Use Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 205-5(b) of the Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended, the minimum lot size in agricultural districts shall be determined by each county by zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance, or other lawful means; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 25-2-43 of the Hawai‘i County Code 1983 (2005 Edition, As Amended), amendments to the Zoning Code may be initiated by the Planning Director; and

WHEREAS, changing the district classification of the Property from Unzoned and Agricultural (A-1a) to an Agricultural (A-500a) zoning designation will facilitate the preservation of the area’s natural beauty and agricultural and recreational uses, and prevent future residential development of its important cultural and open space resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I that pursuant to section 25-2-43 of the Hawai‘i County Code 1983 (2005 Edition, As Amended), the Planning Director is requested to initiate a zoning code amendment for an ordinance changing the district classification from Unzoned and Agricultural (A-1a) to Agricultural (A-500a) at Waimea, South Kohala, Hawai‘i, covered by tax map key 6-5-001:020, in order to preserve the Waimea pu‘u as cultural and open space resources and to preserve their agricultural and recreational uses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Director is requested to submit such ordinance to the Hawai‘i County Council no later than March 1, 2007.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Mayor of Hawai‘i County, to the County Planning Director, and to the Chairperson of the State Board of the Department Land and Natural Resources.

Dated at _____, Hawai‘i, this _____ day of _____, 2006.

INTRODUCED BY:

COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I