

COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY OF KAUAI

# Resolution

No. 2011-51, Draft 1

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
THE TRAPPING, NEUTERING AND RETURN METHOD OF  
CONTROLLING KAUAI'S HOMELESS AND FERAL CAT POPULATION**

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WHEREAS, the people of Kauai are a pet loving people; and

WHEREAS, cats are a particularly popular pet; and

WHEREAS, our year-round good weather makes it possible for our cats to reproduce at roughly twice the rate of cats in less hospitable climates; and

WHEREAS, spay and neutering techniques of birth control are under-utilized by cat owners as a method of preventing the birth of unwanted kittens; and

WHEREAS, rather than spaying and neutering their cats, many citizens choose to release their animals on public and private properties throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, once released, these former pets or their unwanted off-spring have litters of their own, continually increasing the homeless cat population; and

WHEREAS, these second and subsequent generations of cats are called "feral" because they are typically fearful of people, and do not usually become tame, unless exposed to human contact at a very early age; and

WHEREAS, these homeless and feral cats typically lead relatively short and painful lives, before dying of disease, starvation, accidents or human cruelty; and

WHEREAS, the overpopulation problem also causes human frustration; and

WHEREAS, the County has observed that many jurisdictions around the world have adopted, as a component of a humane approach to population control for homeless and feral cats, a program known as Trap, Neuter and Return, or "TNR", provided the resources and management are adequately provided; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, STATE OF HAWAII, that the County of Kauai supports and encourages TNR as a component of a humane approach to controlling Kauai's homeless and feral cat population.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County encourages its citizens to spay and neuter their pets to prevent the birth of unwanted kittens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Mayor Bernard Carvalho, the Kaua'i Humane Society, the Chief of Police, the Department of Health-Environmental Services Division, and Kaua'i's Legislative Delegation.

INTRODUCED BY:

/S/ MEL RAPOZO

	Aye	Nay	Exc	Recused
Bynum				
Chang				
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Kuali'i				
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Yukimura				
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### Certificate Of Adoption

We hereby certify that Resolution No. 2011-51 was adopted by the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawaii, Lihue, Kaua'i, Hawaii, on

Dated

County Clerk

Chairman & Presiding Officer