

## **Resolution Urging the State Legislature to Support and Fund the Veterans Treatment Court**

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts integrate alcohol, drug treatment, and mental health services with justice system case management; and

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts use a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights; and

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts identify eligible participants early and promptly for entry into the program; and

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts provide access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, mental health, and other related treatment and rehabilitation options; and

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts compliance is monitored by frequent alcohol and drug testing; and

Whereas, A coordinated strategy governs Veterans Treatment Courts' responses to participants' compliance; and

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts consistently monitor, evaluate, and measure the achievement of the program goals and gauge effectiveness; and

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts employ interdisciplinary education to promote effective program planning, implementation, and operations; and

Whereas, Veterans Treatment Courts create partnerships with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, other public agencies, and community-based organizations to generate local support and enhance the program's effectiveness; and now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Kaua'i County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges the Hawai'i State Legislature to fully support and fund the Veterans Treatment Court program throughout the state of Hawai'i; and be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be delivered to every Democratic Party member in the Hawai'i State Legislature; and be it

*Ordered*, That this resolution be delivered to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Convention for consideration of adoption.

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