

## **Resolution MCC 2016-1**

### **Support to Ban Conversion Therapy**

*Whereas*, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i supports banning conversion therapy for minors and adults as stated in the Health Care plank of our Party's Platform passed by unanimous vote at our 2014 State Convention; and

*Whereas*, President Barack Obama, along with every recognized medical professional organization from the World Psychiatric Association American Psychological Association, American Counseling Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American School Counselor Association, to the National Association of Social Workers have all come out against conversion therapy; and

*Whereas*, The Maui County Democrats supports the banning of conversion therapy based on the fact that this barbaric practice is detrimental to society as a whole since as it is totally futile and the side effects on the survivors are depression, guilt, helplessness, hopelessness, shame, social withdrawal, suicidality, substance abuse, stress, disappointment, self-blame, decreased self-esteem and authenticity to others, hostility and blame toward parents, increased self-hatred, feelings of anger and betrayal, loss of friends and potential romantic partners, problems in sexual and emotional intimacy, sexual dysfunction, high-risk sexual behaviors, a feeling of being dehumanized and untrue to self, a loss of faith, and a sense of having wasted time and resources; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Hawai'i County Democrats vigorously supports the introduction and passage of a bill in the 2017 Legislative Session that will ban conversion therapy outright in Hawai'i; and be it

*Resolved*, That the Maui County Democrats calls upon all Maui County Democrats that are a members of the Hawai'i State Legislature who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i to support the introduction and passage of a bill in the 2017 Legislative Session that will ban conversion therapy outright; and be it

*Resolved*, That the Maui County Democrats calls upon the Governor of the State of Hawai'i to support the legislation and once it is passed by the legislature to sign the bill that will ban conversion therapy outright into law;

*Resolved*, That the Maui County Democrats calls upon all members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation to introduce and support the passage of bill that would ban conversion therapy at the national level and finally be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to all members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, all Maui County Democrats that are members of the Hawai'i State Legislatures who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and the appropriate members of the organizing committee for the 2016 State Convention for the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

## **Resolution MCC 2016-2**

### **Declaring June 26 as Equality Day**

*Whereas*, The Maui County Democrats supported the passage of Senate Bill 1 in the second Special Session of 2013, when it was signed law on November 13, 2013 brought Marriage Equality to the Aloha State, the birthplace of the modern fight for Marriage Equality; and

*Whereas*, The Supreme Court of the United States of America brought Marriage Equality to the entire United States of America in their land mark decision Oberfeld v Hodgeson handed down on June 26, 2015 based on their other landmark Marriage Equality case United States v Windsor, which was handed down on June 26, 2013; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Maui County Democrats applauds President Barack Obama's decision to declare June 26, 2016 as Equality Day; and

*Resolved*, That the Maui County Democrats requests that the Mayor of Maui County issue an Proclamation to declare June 26, 2016 as Equality Day in Maui County; and

*Resolved*, That the Maui County Democrats supports the introduction and passage of a bill at the County of Hawai'i as well as at the State level that would name June 26 as Equality Day in perpetuity; and

*Resolved*, That the Maui County Democrats call-upon the Governor of the State of Hawai'i to issue an Proclamation to declare June 26, 2016 as Equality Day in; and finally be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to all members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, all Maui County Democrats that are members of the Hawai'i State Legislatures who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the Mayor of the County of Maui, members of the Maui County Council that are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and the Platform Committee for the 2016 Democratic Party of Hawai'i State Convention.

## Resolution MCC 2016 – 3

### Protecting Public Employees While Advocating for Inclusive Non-Discrimination Policies

*Whereas*, The Maui County Democrats support inclusive non-discrimination policies to ensure that all people are treated equally and fairly; and

*Whereas*, The Maui County Democrats support public servants and believe that they deserve the protections that come from inclusive non-discrimination policies and they should not lose the protections they have in Honolulu when they travel on official business; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Maui County Democrats vigorously oppose the introduction of any bills or laws, such as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, that use supposed religious freedom as an opportunity to try and discriminate against any minority based on an individual's, business's or corporation's religiously held beliefs; and

*Resolved*, That the Maui County Democrats call upon the Mayor of Maui County to issue an Administrative Directive that bans all public employees under their authority from any publicly-funded travel, that is not absolutely essential to public health and safety, to cities and/or states that do not have inclusive non-discrimination policies that are not at least equal if not greater to that the City and County of Honolulu has in place; and

*Resolved*, That the Maui County Democrats support the introduction and passage of a bill at the County of Maui as well as at the State level that bans all public employees, elected officials and/or staffers from using public funds for travel, that is not absolutely essential to public health and safety, to cities and/or states that do not have inclusive non-discrimination policies that are not at least equal if not greater to that the County of Maui has in place; and

*Resolved*, That the Maui County Democrats call upon the Governor of the State of Hawai'i to issue an Executive Order that bans all public employees under their authority from any publicly-funded travel, that is not absolutely essential to public health and safety, to cities and/or states that do not have inclusive non-discrimination policies that are not at least equal if not greater to that the State of Hawai'i has in place; and finally be it

*Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to all members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, all Hawai'i County Democrats that are members of the Hawai'i State Legislatures who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the Mayor of the County of Maui, members of the Maui County Council that are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and the Platform Committee for the 2016 Democratic Party of Hawai'i State Convention.

## **Resolution MCC 2016 – 4**

### **Promote Family Savings**

WHEREAS, nationally in 2013 Personal Savings as a percent of Disposable Personal Income was less than 5% while mortgage and consumer debt payments was at double that rate; and

WHEREAS, more than 40 percent of American households lack the savings to cover basic expenses for 3 months if an unexpected event leads to a loss of stable income; and

WHEREAS, 71 percent of children born to high-saving but low-income parents move up from the bottom income quintile over one generation compared with only 50 percent of children from similarly low-income households whose parents do not save; and

WHEREAS, several states now allow the provision of “prize-linked savings” (PLS) accounts to promote savings by offering participants chances to win prizes based on deposit activity (the more you save the more chances to win) with the savings never at risk as a safe, regulated financial product of credit unions; and

WHEREAS, these PLS accounts have proven to attract people who previously did not save and those with low incomes—helping them build financial safety nets for themselves for future financial needs and as an alternative to costly credit; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2014, President Obama signed into law Pub.L. 113-251 American Savings Promotion Act to “provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products by financial institutions to encourage savings ... in which the sole consideration required for a chance of winning designated prizes is obtained by the deposit of a specified amount of money in a savings account or program” by exempting such programs from from federal laws against illegal gambling and racketeering; and

WHEREAS, such promotions are not gambling because the saver does not risk any losses or pay any fee to participate and the saver retains the entire amount of his or her savings; and

WHEREAS, some banks and credit unions in Hawaii may still not participate because of State statutes governing gambling, raffles and lotteries unless and until those State statutes are also modified to exempt these savings promotion raffle products; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Maui County has supported the efforts of our people to improve their standards of living and hopes and dreams for their children; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui County supports the concept of prize-linked savings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i State Legislature introduce and pass legislation to allow credit unions and banks in Hawai'i to offer such prize-linked savings accounts consistent with the national American Savings Promotion Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i for consideration at the 2016 State Convention, to the Governor, to all members of the Hawai'i State Legislature, and to all members of the Hawai'i Congressional delegation.