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RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE GREEN NEW DEAL

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2019, a resolution entitled “Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal” was introduced in the United States House of Representatives as H. Res. 109 and in the United States Senate as S. Res. 59; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the United States surpassed Saudi Arabia and Russia to become the world’s largest oil and gas producer, bringing the country to the cusp of achieving energy independence from foreign powers and enhancing our national security; and

WHEREAS, recent increases in domestic production of oil and gas have saved hard-working families hundreds of dollars a year in energy costs by delivering safe and reliable energy to fuel the nation’s economy; and

WHEREAS, since the industrial revolution, fossil fuels have dramatically improved the quality of life for humans, and the average lifespan of people in industrialized countries has roughly doubled; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the Green New Deal is to end, within the next ten years, America’s consumption of fossil fuels, which according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) generated sixty-three percent of our electricity nationwide in 2018, thereby undermining our new-found energy security; and

WHEREAS, State proponents of oil and gas production throughout the US form to facilitate the ability of states to join together to resolve common issues in the energy sector independent of federal intervention; and

WHEREAS, the Green New Deal violates the principle of cooperative federalism by implementing massive regulations at a national level, which will limit the ability of states to control their own destiny regarding the exploration and production of fossil fuels,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, by the Republican Party of Hawai‘i in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, urges the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the State of Hawai‘i to oppose the Green New Deal, or any substantively similar legislation, and support allowing states to continue to develop their own energy policies.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the office of the Governor of Hawai‘i, Lieutenant Governor, Senate President, State Speaker of the House, State House Minority Leader and the Mayors of all Hawai‘i Counties, and Honolulu City Council Chair Ikaika Anderson.