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## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UPDATING AND REVISING THE JONES ACT

WHEREAS, the Jones Act is an archaic 100-year-old maritime law that restricts the shipment of goods between American ports, allowing only ships that are: American-built, American owned, sailing under U.S. maritime flag and a crew power of which at least 75% are U.S. citizens or permanent residents; and,

WHEREAS, all foreign cargo ships entering U.S. space are restricted to one port of entry, and may not travel on to other ports within the U.S., before departing directly away; and,

WHEREAS, due to the above restriction, foreign cargo ships will choose a port where their goods can be received and further distributed by ground transportation; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions of the Jones Act prevent direct trade to Hawai'i's businesses, create greatly inflated shipping costs to businesses which further drive costs to consumers; and,

WHEREAS, the Jones Act directly feeds the State's high cost of living, and is an undue preventable burden on families.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Hawai'i Legislators are urged to join and support efforts to update the Jones Act to allow exemptions for the State of Hawai'i.

AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawai'i Republican Party, in virtual convention on July 25, 2020, fully supports this measure.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be posted on the Hawai'i Republican Party website and copies transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i; the Lieutenant Governor, members of the Hawai'i State Legislature and the Mayors of each County.