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TESTIMONY
OF
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
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ON
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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 877

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS COMMISSION, MICHAEL MOORE

Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 877. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports Mr. Michael Moore's confirmation to the Commission.

Section 9-2, HRS, requires that the Commission have one member who resides in the county of Maui. Mr. Moore is a resident of Maui and his appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation on the Commission. Additionally, Mr. Moore is the Director of Marketing and President of a family of restaurants on Maui that began in the mid 1980's and continues to grow. Mr. Moore's entrepreneurial success provides him with the necessary skills to be a contributing member of the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

from the desk of Jonathan Starr

April 10, 2012

Dear Senators,

Michael Moore is one of the true leaders of the Art and Cultural Community on Maui. His Old Lahaina Luau and Feast of Lele provide the greatest learning experience related to our host culture available for visitors and members of our local communities alike. They keep a lot of our core Hawaiian practitioners, musicians and hula performers in a position where they can afford to practice their art.

Michael's restaurants are among the best and most innovative in the world, and he has created a training center in them for our rising culinary stars.

Please support his Advise and Consent for the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. This gentleman is the real deal, and an inspiring leader in the world of Culture and Art.

With Aloha,

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