

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REPEAL OF THE JONES ACT

**Whereas**, the Hawai`i Republican Party supports *Liberty and Limited Government* wherein government enforces laws that allow for a prosperous free market and does not compete with nor over-regulate the free market,

**Whereas**, the Jones Act is a current Federal law that regulates interstate maritime transportation between U.S. ports;

**Whereas**, studies show the Jones Act restricts competition in the shipping industry and causes higher consumer prices;

**Whereas**, studies further show the Jones Act has caused near-monopoly shipping conditions for maritime commerce to and from the State of Hawai`i;

**Whereas**, studies also show that the Jones Act's increase in consumer prices are particularly pronounced in Hawai`i, which lacks access to international or interstate commercial rail or highway transportation;

**Whereas**, the Jones Act was passed by Congress in 1920, nearly 40 years before Hawaii became a state, and never contemplated implementation in a non-contiguous state;

**Whereas**, the Jones Act may have caused a delay in use of foreign vessels in the effort to clean up the 2010 British Petroleum oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico;

**Whereas**, several members of Congress have called for the repeal or reform of the Jones Act;

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Hawai`i Republican Party in convention at Lihue, Hawai`i, May 14, 2011, in advocacy of *Liberty and Limited Government*, supports the repeal of the Jones Act;

**Be it further resolved**, in the alternative, that the Hawai`i Republican Party supports an amendment to the Jones Act to exempt Hawai`i from the Jones Act;

**Be it further resolved** that the Hawai`i Republican Party urges Hawai`i's Congressional delegation to act in the best interest of Hawai`i residents, families, and small businesses by supporting repeal of the Jones Act or exempting Hawai`i from the Jones Act.;

**And be it further resolved** that copies of this resolution shall be posted on the Hawai`i Republican party website and distributed to all members of Congress, Hawai`i elected officials, media, and the general public.