

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING HAWAII  
SMALL BUSINESSES**

**Whereas**, the Hawai`i Republican Party advocates *Equality of Opportunity* and *Individual Responsibility*, and small business embodies faith in these principles;

**Whereas**, small business in Hawaii numbers over 25,000 and accounts for 96.9% of the state's employers and 56.1% of its private-sector employment;

**Whereas**, small business creates 60 to 80 percent of new jobs and contributes to community building and development;

**Whereas**, communities and families are made stronger by the bonds and relationships which naturally form from a common work and goal;

**Whereas**, small business makes a vital impact on the state's economy by offering innovative and diverse products and services to the market;

**Whereas**, any individual may, regardless of race, color, religion, or socioeconomic background, venture forth in business to create a living for his or her family;

**Whereas**, small business can create cultures of trust among management and employees, creating a sense of security and individual responsibility not found in big corporations;

**Whereas**, in a small business each individual can ultimately create his or her own destiny, excel and learn, and be recognized and rewarded for a job well done, creating a cycle of productivity, appreciation, and hard work.

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Hawai`i Republican Party in convention at Lihue, Hawai`i, May 14, 2011, endorses and salutes the courage and contributions of small business to our general welfare.

**Therefore, be it further resolved**, that copies of this resolution be posted on the Hawai`i Republican Party website and distributed to Hawai`i elected officials and media for public dissemination.