

Aloha!

HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB OF HONOLULU

Established December 1918

P.O. Box 1513, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96806, <<http://hcchonolulu.org>>

Have you visited our website lately? Mahalo Blaine Fergerstrom, HCCH Webmaster!

Liholiho Alternate lyrics (HCCH Club Song)

Onaona wale ia pua	O beautiful 'ilima
I ka miki'ala mau 'ia	Choice of my heart
Ua hele wale a nohea	O sweet and charming flower
I ka nou i ke kehau	Soft and lovely to behold

NEWSLETTER...

September - October

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Big Mahalo to all of our club members who volunteered to serve at the 2007 AHCC National Convention in Anchorage Alaska, Oct 14-20, 2007!!!

SEPTEMBER 2007						
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Sunday, Sept 2

Monday, Sept 3

Tuesday, Sep 11

Friday, Sept 14

Saturday, Sept 15

Sunday Sep 23

Oct 14-21

Nov 2007

Saturday, Nov 17

Dec 1, 2007

Saturday, Dec 15

Queen Lili'uokalani Birthday Celebration – Iolani Palace Grounds, 10am-4pm

Labor Day Holiday

Board of Directors

5:30pm - 8:00pm - OHA Board of Directors Room 5th Floor
-Resolutions, Convention, Membership

Convention Room Reservations DEADLINE

Convention Registration DEADLINE

General Membership

9:30am - 1:30pm Convention Resolutions Meeting
St. Francis Manoa, Lunch (Cost 10.00), **Delegates/Alternates must attend**

AHCC Convention Anchorage, Alaska

Fundraiser-Kalua Pig Lucia Davis, 230-2104

HCCH General Membership Meeting - Location-TBD

Officer Elections will take place.

Nake'u Christmas Fashion Show Lucia Davis, 230-2104

HCCH Christmas Party – Location-TBD

MEMBERSHIP

For membership and dues information, please contact Chairperson, Uilani Souza, Phone: 235-4859, email usouza@awlaw.com; Regular Membership: Individual \$ 30 / Couple \$45. Please mail your annual membership dues to: Attention: Membership Dues, c/o Uilani Souza, P.O. Box 1513, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96806. SOME MEMBERS NEED TO PAY THEIR DUES.

August 22, 2007

To the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu Scholarship Committee and Members:

Welina! I would like to take this opportunity to say "Mahalo!" for supporting me in my endeavors to further my education. I recently graduated from the University of Phoenix, Hawaii Campus, with my Master of Arts Degree in Education with a specialization in Special Education. This degree has allowed me to supplement my teaching with added information regarding the population that I work with as well as ways that I can become a better educator. My Master of Arts Degree has provided me with the tools and strategies to work with children with special needs.

I have always understood the importance of continuing your education and the scholarship that the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu provided me with allowed me to do just that. I also understand the importance of Native Hawaiians furthering their opportunities to learn and it is through scholarships such as yours that permit other Native Hawaiians to realize their individual dreams as well. I thank you for providing me with the prospect of being the first in my family to graduate with a Master's Degree.

I plan on continuing to work with students with special needs as a testament to what I've learned while completing the Master's Degree program. I truly hope that, one day, I will be able to give back to other Native Hawaiians that are completing their degree-seeking programs as well.

Again, mahalo nui for all your assistance in achieving my Master's Degree!

Sincerely yours,
J. Likolehua Gerboc, M.Ed.
2007 University of Phoenix Graduate

CONGRATULATIONS

Maylene Enoka is the new AHCC Secretary replacing Dot Uchima who recently resigned. We wish you success in your new endeavor. Maylene will continue to do our HCCH Newsletter.

Blaine Fergestrom is the new OHA Webmaster. Blaine presently serves on our scholarship committee and he is our HCCH Webmaster.

Manu Boyd is the new Cultural Director for the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center.

Big Mahalo!

QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, Sept. 2, 2007

Civic Club Support – BIG MAHALO to Chairperson Lela Hubbard and our club members who provided Kokua to this event. It was truly a great happening. Service well done!

Poem-A-Day, Mahealani Wendt

Aloha Anita, I know you must be very busy and everyone is caught up with the business of convention and other important matters, but I am contacting you about something entirely different, a topic dear to my heart. For the past month and a half, I have been sending out, from my computer at home, a poem a day, and I wondered if some of our members would be interested in receiving something like this? Some of my friends start their day by reading these little offerings and have appreciated them. I have received inspirational postings from you in the past, and so I thought you might be receptive to this idea. If you are, could you let our members know? It could be stated in our next newsletter something like this:

Poem-A-Day: If you have a computer and are interested, Mahealani Wendt has been sending out a poem a day and would love to include you on her list. Let her know directly by e-mailing wendtm@hawaiiantel.net.

I have a pretty wide readership and have been getting very positive feedback. Perhaps some of our members enjoy poetry too. Many thanks. Xxx *Mahealani*

Scholarship Committee by Momi (Jones) Clark

We are getting close to the end of HCCH's scholarship process for 2007. The postmarked deadline for signed agreements was August 15. We are still waiting on a few more signed agreements from mainland students. Once we have received all signed agreements from applicants who received an award, the list of recipients and the institution they will be attending will be provided to the Trustees who will, in turn, request for the award checks. The committee is hoping to have all award checks mailed out by the end of August.

HCCH RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

July 29th General Membership Meeting at St. Francis Almedia Center Approved the following resolutions: These are interesting and challenging times for us Hawaiians but as Brickwood and Kimo say on Na Oihi Olino, "We gotta go. We cannot full around anymore."

1. Encouraging the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Hawai'i State Executive Branch to negotiate a Settlement Regarding the Income and Proceeds from the Public Land Trust and for the Legislature to Approve That Settlement
This resolution is proposing that in crafting any proposed settlement, the parties are urged to be realistic, thoughtful, thorough, reasonable, and creative so as to enhance the prospects of an enduring settlement; and a settlement should include and consider:
 - a. *the legal foundation for the State's obligation to allocate a pro rata portion of the income and proceeds from the public land trust to OHA;*
 - b. *the history and chronology of the efforts to implement and satisfy this obligation, for example the laws enacted, the litigation pursued, the past and current negotiations undertaken, and all amounts previously paid; and*
 - c. *as appropriate, a mixture of cash to be paid to OHA and State real estate to be conveyed to OHA; and*
 - d. *and the parties should present that settlement not later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008 and*
 - e. *that the legislature should pass such a settlement in order to embrace their obligations that have been repeatedly stated by the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii*

2. Urging the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs To Support the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in the Construction of An Office Building and Hawaiian Cultural Center in Kaka'ako, Oahu, Hawaii
This resolution is requesting the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs provide testimony during the upcoming 2008 Legislative session in support of OHA's efforts to secure legislative funding ins support of the design, construction, and equipment for an office building and Hawaiian

cultural center and if the office building and Cultural Center has extra leaseable space, that such space be made available to Native Hawaiian organizations such as the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation and the AOHCC. Please note within the body of this resolution it cites: OHA sought funding support for the Kaka'ako office building and cultural center from the legislature in furtherance of the State's obligation and in recognition the legislature's past precedence for supporting cultural and community centers for other ethnic groups including: \$1,600,000 in 2006 for the Hawaii Okinawa Center; \$8,000,000 in 2002 for the Japanese Cultural Center; and \$1,500,000 for the Filipino Community Center in 2000. OHA has included in its 2007-2209 Budget a line item for design, construction and equipment for the building and center and proposed that the project would be funded from an equal share of general obligation bond funds and OHA's trust funds which was presented as HB 1200 in the 2007 session and the 2007 legislative session was amended to authorize OHA to fund the project entirely from its trust fund.

3. Urging the Queen's Medical Center, the John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Native Hawaiian health, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Papa Ola Lokahi, Kamehameha Schools, and Other Native Hawaiian health Organizations to Provide Facilities, Funding, and Assistance to Create and Sustain a Native Hawaiian Cancer Healing Center

This resolution urges Queen's Medical Center to donate a minimum of \$1 million of seed money to fund the Center and contribute a wing of its hospital facility, or other appropriate site and facility, to serve as a site for the Native Hawaiian Cancer Healing Center. John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Native Hawaiian health is urged to contribute medical staff expertise, curriculum development, training of doctors in cultural competency, a Native Hawaiian medical library, and a minimum of \$500,000 of seed money to fund the Center. OHA is urged to contribute health staff expertise in grant writing and fund development, plus a minimum of \$500,000 of seed money to fund the Center. Kamehameha Schools is urged to provide \$1 million of seed money to fund the Center.

4. Requesting the Department of Agriculture to Report why it has not complied with its Trust Duties to adequately protect the water rights of Molokai Homesteaders under the Hawai'i Constitution and State Statutes

The resolution requests the report address the option of allocating excess revenues collected from MIS subscribers for periodic maintenance, repair, and upkeep of the MIS according to a plan so that problems of leakage, reservoir management problems, subscriber services, and other operational shortcomings of the MIS are minimized. The report need to include an update of the physical and operational condition of the MIS after the receipt of recent legislative appropriations for that purpose. The report need to address how mandated 2/3 preference rights in favor of Hawaiian Homestead farmers, under federal and state law, will be implemented and enforced relative to the operation of the MIS as well as addressing the possibility of adjusting representation on the MIS advisory Committee to respect and protect homesteader interest in the two-thirds preference imposed by law, and explore transfer of control of the MIS to a homesteader-controlled entity. The report to address environmental assessment requirements relative to negotiating and executing any renewal of lease space in the MIS.

5. Requesting the Board of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and Its Division, The Commission on Water Resources Management (CWRM) to Report Why These Agencies Have Not Taken Proactive Measures to Enforce the Water Rights of East Maui Taro Farmers; That IT Implement Process to Investigate Violations of Water Rights Under the Hawai'i Constitution and State Statutes; and That It Immediately Process 27 Petitions That Have Been Pending Before It For the Past SIX Years

This resolution is requesting the report include an explanation of the level of budgeting and staffing required to promptly respond to complaints of interference with appurtenant water rights and in-stream flows necessary to support the continued ability of Hawaiians to pursue their traditional and customary practices. The report need to include CWRM's plans to develop a simple, clear, and efficient administrative process for investigating reported violations, and conducting timely and frequent reviews of any disputes that arise at regularly scheduled meetings of the BLNR and to publicize the terms of this

process to any parties who might be affected, so these water rights issues are promptly resolved with CWRM taking immediate action on the 27 petitions to amend interim instream flow standards that have been pending for over six years and explain why it had not acted within the 180 days required by law.

6. Urging the Governor and Department of Land and Natural Resources to Give Highest Priority to the Support, Reform and Restoration of the State Historic Preservation Division, Including the Burials Sites Program

This resolution requesting the Governor and DLNR do their utmost to urge the State Legislature adequately fund staffing of the State Burials Program and exercise regular oversight over the implementation of the historic preservation laws in order to monitor the progress of SHPD in remedying past deficiencies in staffing and program implementation. Consistent with this priority, the Governor 1) publicly acknowledge the crisis gripping the State Historic Preservation Division and its Burial Sites Program and her commitment to repairing, with benchmarks, any damage done with affirmative, timely, and decisive action; 2) exercise leadership and demonstrate a serious commitment to the Hawaiian community, and release available funding appropriated by the Legislature and other resources as a top priority fiscal and programmatic matter; 3) appoint a professionally qualified State Historic Preservation Officer as envisioned under Hawai'i Revised Statutes Section 6E-5; 4) assure that the required professional staffing for historic preservation are filled in a timely manner and kept in place, and the opportunity for active and meaningful public participation is supported by administration initiatives pursuant to federal requirements for the receipt of federal funding; and 5) issue periodic monthly reports on the progress made to achieve the above.

7. Recognizing Lehua Conrad's contribution to the Hawaiian children by her unselfish contributions to scholarship funds annually.

HCCH will be reviewing resolutions to be submitted by other civic clubs at the convention in October at its' September 23rd general membership meeting. HCCH will make its decision on each resolution as to its position on whether to approve, offer amendments, deny or kanalua. GET INVOLVED AND ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER 23RD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT St. Francis Almedia Center.

AOHCC CONVENTION

Location: ALASKA, Anchorage
Hotel: Hilton Anchorage
Dates: 14-21 October 2007
THEME "To Journey Forward Together"
"E Holomoana Kakou I Mua" "Nutes Tai Dathl"



AIR RESERVATIONS

Club members can make reservations now by calling Terumi Brandon, Hawaiian Vacations Group Coordinator at (907) 261-2746, or toll free at 1 800 770 2700 to make your reservations. However, the ticket cost has increased.

FYI...The following week, the Alaska Federation of Natives is holding their convention at Fairbanks.

CONVENTION SITE: HILTON ANCHORAGE

Room rate is \$109 single/double, triple \$129, and Quads \$149, plus 12% bed tax. Hilton will extend the convention room rates three (3) days prior and three (3) days after convention based on availability. Deadline for room reservations is September 14, 2007 for these rates. After the deadline we may still request rooms based on availability at the then prevailing rate.

Book reservations by any of the following methods:

- Hilton Anchorage Toll Free: 1.800.245.2527 or

- Fax 1.907.265.7042; on-line at www.anchorage.hilton.com <<http://www.anchorage.hilton.com/>> or
- Hilton Worldwide Reservations at 1.800.455.8667.

Ask the reservation agent for the group rate for Association of Hawaiian Civic Club or SRP Code "HIC". Identifying the 3-letter SRP code will help speed up the reservation process. For on-line reservations, enter your arrival and departure date and click "go". Scroll down the reservations page to "Special Accounts" section: Group/Convention Code: enter the 3-letter SRP code "HIC".

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

- Taxi rates between airport and downtown range from \$15-\$ 20.
- Avis Rent-A-Car: A specific discount number has been assigned for our convention. The Avis Worldwide discount (AWD) number is D757430. For reservations, call AVIS directly at 1-800-231-1600 to receive the best car rental rates available. If you need further assistance, call Relissa Williams at 1-800-525-7537 or email her at relissawilliams@avisbudget.com.

DRESS AND TEMPERATURE



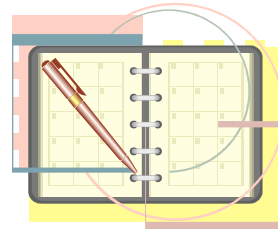
The average high temperature will be about 50 degrees and the low 30 degrees, with some days as high as 60 degrees. There are about 11 daylight hours, the sun will rise around 7:00 a.m. and set around 6:00 p.m. It's the start of winter and we may experience light snow. Check the weather on line by going to www.anchorage.net <<http://www.anchorage.net/>> . Recommend layer dressing.

ANCHORAGE ACTIVITIES

- website: <http://www.anchorage.net.aohcc> <<http://www.anchorage.net.aohcc/>>
- Mainland council has arranged for an Anchorage City Tour on Monday, October 15, cost is \$20. Tour will include
- Alaska Native Medical Center, Alaska Wildberry Products Factory, History Museum, Ulu Factory, and the Alaskan Heritage Center. For other tours, recommend you visit the website above.
- Glacier Cruising, Flightseeing, Shopping, Native Arts, Culture & Dance, Hiking, Biking, Wildlife Viewing
- Museums, Fishing, 4-Wheeling, Horseback Riding, Rafting, Kayaking, Tram to Mt Alyeska
- Alaskan Native Heritage Center

CONVENTION SCHEDULE - (Subject to Change)

- Saturday, October 13
 - Free day to tour Alaska, but there will be a Golf Outing
- Sunday, October 14
 - Free day to tour Alaska, other activities planned include:
 - Bowling Tournament
 - Mainland Council Meeting in the afternoon; Association Board meeting in the evening
 - Cribbage, Kamau, Texas Hold'em Games in the evening at the hotel
- Monday, October 15
 - Anchorage City Tour
 - Several workshops in the morning to be announced soon
 - Traditional Opening Ceremonies and Plenary Session
- Tuesday, October 16
 - Workshops in the morning
 - Afternoon: Administrative Committee Meetings
 - Evening: Na Hana Lima No'eau Ho'ike by civic clubs
- Wednesday, October 17
 - Morning: Plenary Session
 - Afternoon: President's Luncheon, followed by Program Committee Meetings
 - Evening: 'Aha Mele Rehearsals and Bingo Tour at Tudor Road Bingo Center
- Thursday, October 18
 - Morning: Plenary Session
 - Afternoon: Building a Nation Workshops
 - Evening: 'Aha Mele Dinner and 'Aha Mele Concert (Chair: Harry Kawai)
- Friday, October 19
 - Morning: Plenary Session
 - Evening: 'Aha 'Aina Dinner



MORE NEWS!!!

ALOHA FESTIVALS – LONGEST HULA LINE

Aloha All Hula Dancers

Hawaiian and Hawaiian at Heart



ALOHA FESTIVALS

The 2007 Aloha Festivals welcomes back the “Longest Hula Line”. In 1996 the Aloha Festivals set the record for the longest Hula Line, and documented in the Guinness Book of World Records. That record was 3,500 dancers on the beach of Waikīkī. This year our goal is 5,500 hula dancers on the beach of Waikīkī. This will take place on **Saturday, September 22, 2007**. Celebrate the longest Hula Line that occurs every 10 years. This will take place on **Saturday, September 22, 2007**. Celebrate the longest Hula Line that has a better place to be, than on the beach of Waikīkī, fronting the Hilton Hawaiian Village to Queen’s Surf Beach. This invitation is open to Hālau, Hula Studio’s, and Hula Academy’s, Hula Foundation’s, any organizations and or individuals who wish to dance hula. We are also welcoming any and all Pū blowers (conch shell blowers). There is no age limit and wear Hawaiian attire. Be a part of the Guinness Book of World Records. We will be dancing to Andy Cummings “Waikīkī”, and Kimo Alama Keaulana’s “Aloha Week Hula”. If you would like to participate please contact (808) 589-1771 or e-mail info@alohafestivals.com or Iwalani Tseu, Chairperson at (808) 623-6776 or e-mail iwalanihula1@yahoo.com.

NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (NHEA)

The 39th annual convention of the National Indian Education Association (NHEA) is being held in Honolulu, **October 25-28**, at the Hawaii Convention Center and Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort. All school administrators, school board members, teachers, students, parents, elders, and leaders are invited to attend. Dr. Verlie Ann Malina-Wright, member, Prince Kuhio HCC, is the first Native Hawaiian to serve as President of NIEA, a national organization. An average of 5000 persons attend this annual convention.

The Native Hawaiian Education Association is offering scholarships to attend the convention. For information about the convention, go to website, <http://www.niea.org/events/overview.php>

For information about the scholarship, go to website, <http://www/nhea.net>.

Scholarships being offered are as follows:

Requesting scholarship for:		<u>Regular</u>	<u>You Pay</u>
General	\$300	\$400	\$100
Student (18 & over)	\$200	\$200	\$ 0
Student (under 18)	\$100	\$100	\$ 0
Kupuna (60 & over)	\$100	\$100	\$ 0

Eligibility criteria: Member of NHEA, or resident of Hawaii, or Native Hawaiian

Leimomi Khan

HOTEL ASSOCIATION OFFERS HAWAIIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association is introducing scholarships valued at thousands of dollars for Native Hawaiian students majoring in the hospitality industry field.

"The Hawaiian culture sets us apart from all other visitor destinations in the world and it follows that we should encourage people of Native Hawaiian ancestry to participate in tourism's management," said association President Murray Towill.

The scholarship program is inspired by the association's late president Clem Judd Jr., a Native Hawaiian who exercised his influence in Hawaii's visitor industry to promote programs that furthered the education of Hawaii youth.

There will be five Native Hawaiian Scholarships offered by the Hawaii Hotel Industry Foundation <<http://www.bizjournals.com/search/results.html?Ntk=All&Ntx=mode%20matchallpartial&Ntt=%22Hawaii%20Hotel%20Industry%20Foundation%22>> -- \$1,000 per student per year for up to four years. The scholarships are for graduating high-school seniors of Native Hawaiian ancestry interested in hotel management and hospitality related fields.

For more information: (808) 923-0407.

DOCENT TRAINING COURSE 2007-08

Waikiki Aquarium, Education Department

You can share "a sense of wonder" about the sea! Every year, thousands of children visit the Waikiki Aquarium on school field trips. For many, this experience becomes a special adventure in learning as volunteer docents guide them through marine education programs designed specifically for their grade level. Volunteering as a docent provides rich opportunities to learn about Hawaii's marine life and to contribute to conservation education in our community.

Volunteer docents host classes of students, in grades kindergarten through six and, with the Aquarium's School Support Program staff, give presentations and lead interactive discovery tours of Aquarium exhibits.

This course prepares you to use the Aquarium's materials and methods to conduct these programs, and to share information in stimulating ways with students and teachers. Docent guided visits are offered on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. We ask for a volunteer commitment of one morning a week during the academic year, **October through May**. Welcome to the Waikiki Aquarium's Docent Training Course and an association that we know will prove challenging, rewarding ...and fun!

Joslin Diabetes Center invites you to participate in a CME-Accredited Symposium

DIABETES, INSULIN AND NUTRITIONAL STRATEGIES: OPTIMIZING INSULIN THERAPY IN ASIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS An interactive accredited CME activity designed to improve diabetes management among Asians and Pacific Islanders, presented by Joslin Diabetes Center, a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School.

Saturday Morning, November 17, 2007, Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa, 2005 Kalia Road

Honolulu, HI 96815. Registration and Breakfast: 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM, Symposium-8:30 AM -12:00 PM

To Register: http://www.professionaled.joslin.org/CMEWeb/CME_AD954_1392.aspx?ActivityId=13



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August 20, 2007

Mr. Michael A. Lilly, Esq.
Chairman
Hawai'i Advisory Committee to the
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Chair Lilly and members of the Hawai'i Advisory Committee,

Aloha! On behalf of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC), thank you for the opportunity to provide written and oral testimony and to request this Committee's support for S.310/H.R. 505, The Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act (NHGRA) of 2007, aka the Akaka Bill.

Our organization is composed of several thousand Native Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian members of fifty-two Hawaiian Civic Clubs spanning the United States. Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole, Hawai'i's delegate to the U.S. Congress (1903-1922), was a strong advocate of equality and ensuring that the civil rights of all his constituents were protected. Additionally, he founded the Hawaiian Civic Club movement in 1918 to encourage a politically aware and active Native Hawaiian community to support these priorities. We are now the oldest community-based grassroots Hawaiian organization in the state and we continue to support initiatives that promote the health and social welfare of our Native Hawaiian community and preserve our culture.

For nearly 90 years, our organization has staunchly supported efforts to achieve self-determination, self-governance and self-preservation. In the past ten years, we have adopted more than 10 resolutions in support of the federal recognition of Native Hawaiians. Protection of Native Hawaiian culture, as well as existing Native Hawaiian programs (that preserve our cultural), is critical for future generations. We also affirm that these programs do not infringe upon the civil rights of others.

In 1993, the President of the United States signed Public Law 103-150, the Apology Resolution into law as a statement of apology to Native Hawaiians for the overthrow of the Kingdom, setting into place a commitment to provide a proper foundation of reconciliation between the United States and the Native Hawaiian people. Too, since 1920, congressional leaders, acted responsibly acknowledging its trust relationship to Native Hawaiians by passing over 150 federal laws.

Additionally, since the 1980s, there have been published reports that concluded that Hawaiians have a historical relationship with the Federal Government through various legislative enactments and as such recommended enacting legislation to articulate the specific trust relationship between Hawaiians and the Federal Government. The Hawaii State Legislature also passed HCR 41 SD 1, "Supporting Federal Recognition of a Native Hawaiian Nation in 2000, and in 2001, HCR 23 HD1, "Requesting Federal Support of Hawaiian Self-Governance.

The Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007 embraces the aforementioned documents. It is the most significant piece of legislation with potentially the most profound impact on the civil rights of the Native Hawaiian community. Ultimately, federal recognition is about Native Hawaiians having an opportunity to achieve self-determination and Native Hawaiians making decisions about our resources, programs, and our future. It is about the United States honoring and respecting an indigenous people. It is about correcting a wrong. It is acknowledging and honoring our ancestors who affixed their signatures to a document known as the "Ku'e" petition, in which they fought to retain their nation as a people. Me kealoha pumehana

/s/ Leimomi Khan
LEIMOMI KHAN, Pelekikena
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs