

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

No. 2017 - 12

HONORING THE MEMORY OF AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ELIZABETH JEAN PIENA

WHEREAS, Jean was born on August 19, 1935, in Pu‘unēnē, Maui; and

WHEREAS, Jean was the daughter of Peter Kaikiohua Piena and Mabel Kam Tai Ching; and

WHEREAS, Jean was one of eight children, and her siblings were Peter Makia Piena, Ralph Piena, William Randolph Piena, Carl Rodney Piena, Harold Piena, Clarence Piena, and Eunice Piena Kasaoka; and

WHEREAS, Jean moved to Lāna‘i and attended Lāna‘i schools from kindergarten to her sophomore year of high school, until Jean’s father, Peter, transferred with Hawaiian Pine in 1951 and moved his family to Whitmore City, near Wahiawa, O‘ahu; and

WHEREAS, Jean attended and graduated from Leilehua High School in 1952, but always returned to Lāna‘i High School for 1952 class reunions, too; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Jean’s mother accepted a job with Queen’s Hospital as a telephone operator and the family moved to and lived at 1449 Bernice Street in Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, Jean was a faithful Mormon of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Jean was a choir member, leader of the Young Women’s Program, and member of the Relief Society; and

WHEREAS, Jean worked as a clerk at Union Oil of California and Diamond Head Health Center, and later Jean was also a travel agent and took her mom Mabel to places like Alaska and Las Vegas, and then Jean sold a lot of burial plots for Hawaiian Memorial, where her body rests today, she retired as a clerk for the State of Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, Jean was an active supporter and dedicated member of the Queen Emma Hawaiian Civic Club since she joined on November 28, 1990, and was a lifetime member for over 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Jean was a Queen Emma Hawaiian Civic Club Board Member, Choir Member, Scholarship Committee Member, a delegate and alternate delegate member to the

Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs conventions and attended all the conventions until 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jean enjoyed socializing at all the Queen Emma Hawaiian Civic Club's functions such as the Christmas parties, scholarship lū'au, Ali'i Sundays at Kawaiaha'o Church, Queen Emma's, Kamehameha IV's, and Prince Albert's birthdays at Mauna 'Ala, at Queen's Medical Center, and Cathedral of St. Andrew's, as well as a participant at the Aloha Week and Prince Kūhiō Day parades and Ho'olaule'a and 'Onipa'a at the 'Iolani Palace; and

WHEREAS, Jean was a wonderful volunteer, gave financial support to the Queen Emma Hawaiian Civic Club and the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-day Saints; and

WHEREAS, Jean was a giving, kind, soft-spoken, generous, funny person who enjoyed laughing, and some of her "Jean-isms" included the word "keke'e" so often to mean "lolo," crazy, and stupid that everyone thought that she created her own Hawaiian word, and Jean would always greet every female she met with "Hey, Gorgeous!" which made everyone smile; and

WHEREAS, Jean was a great cook of "onolicious" foods, such as, her seven-layer jello, Christmas fruit cake, and prune mui crack seed; and

WHEREAS, Jean was a blessed person, had great integrity, a beautiful character and a warm and gentle smile, and she did fabulous and beautiful needle point and knitted her brothers sweaters; and

WHEREAS, Auntie Jean was called to be with her Lord, her parents, her siblings, 'ohana and friends on Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 58th Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington, in the malama of 'Ikuwā and the rising of Māhealani, this 4th day of November 2017, honoring the memory of and acknowledging the contributions of Elizabeth Jean Piena; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs extends its heartfelt condolences and sympathies to the 'ohana of Elizabeth Jean Piena and to the members of the Queen Emma Hawaiian Civic Club; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Elizabeth Jean Piena's brothers Harold Piena and Clarence Piena, her sister Eunice Piena Kasaoka, her niece Michelle Broadhurst, Queen Emma Hawaiian Civic Club, as well as the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and all County Mayors.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted in the malama of 'Ikuwā and the rising of Māhealani on the 4th day of November 2017, at the 58th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Seattle, Washington.

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