

# ***ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS***

## ***A RESOLUTION***

No. 2017 – 17

### **HONORING THE MEMORY AND LIFE OF ANDREA MAHEALANI CUMMINGS HAMILTON**

WHEREAS, Andrea Mahealani Cummings Hamilton, the fourth child of Andrew Kealoha and Florence Kauluae Cummings, was born on May 2, 1950, in Honolulu, Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, Andrea had three older brothers, Melvin, Myron, and Samuel Cummings, and a younger sister, Moana Cummings; and

WHEREAS, Andrea spent her early years learning from her first teacher, her godmother Katherine “Denna” Harbottle, who served as an influential role model for Andrea as a child and throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Andrea enrolled in Sacred Hearts Academy, where she flourished spiritually and intellectually from kindergarten through graduation, by which time she had established herself as a distinguished alumna through academics and extracurricular activities, including choir, yearbook, and Hawaiian club; and

WHEREAS, in May of 1968, Andrea packed her bags for Seattle University, where she followed in her Aunt Denna’s footsteps, earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education, and found friendship and support in a core group of classmates – many of whom remained close friends throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, after college graduation, Andrea returned to Hawai‘i to teach; first at Saint Patrick’s School and then at Sacred Hearts Academy, where she joined the faculty as a Hawaiian History teacher; and

WHEREAS, during Andrea’s forty-year career at Sacred Hearts Academy, she held many positions in school administration from College Counselor to Development Director to “Master” of Special Events, and became a fixture to forever be associated with decades of school alumnae; and

WHEREAS, Andrea was a member of the Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club since January of 1976 and served the club as an officer and an active member of the Prince Kūhiō Choral Group, having performed at many of its well-attended concerts over the years; and

WHEREAS, Andrea was also a member of the Moku‘aina A Wakinekona Hawaiian Civic Club and assisted with its Aha Mele Festival in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Andrea married Kenneth Jerome Hamilton in Honolulu at the Sacred Hearts Academy Chapel on March 30th, 1985, and together had a daughter Sarah Makena Hamilton, born on April 12th, 1992; and

WHEREAS, family and friends were an important aspect of Andrea's life, and she even gathered together a group of her friends called "Holiday Girls," who celebrated together at least once a year; and

WHEREAS, Andrea was committed to community service and became a pillar of her community, serving as the second vice president of the Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club, where she helped to raise funds and scholarships for children of Hawai'i, and on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Youth Opera Chorus, where she used her talents to help many children find their "voice" in music; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Andrea was known as a shining example of what it means to be gracious, to live life with passion, and to put God and the needs of others before that of your own; and

WHEREAS, Andrea was predeceased by husband Kenneth and sibling Myron, and survived by daughter, Sarah and siblings Melvin, Samuel, and Moana.

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 and life of Andrea Mahealani Cummings Hamilton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a moment of silence be held to honor the memory and life of Andrea Mahealani Cummings Hamilton at this 58th Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Annual Convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Sarah Makena Hamilton, Melvin Cummings, Samuel Cummings, Moana Cummings, Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club, Moku'aina A Wakinekona 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017, at the 58th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Seattle, Washington.

*Annelle C. Amaral*

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