

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

No. 2017 – 26

HONORING THE HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB OF HONOLULU ON THE CENTENNIAL OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT

WHEREAS, in 1918, the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu was established by Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole and a group of his cohorts who recognized the need for an organization to act as advocates for, and to improve the lot, of the native Hawaiian people; and

WHEREAS, at that time it had been only twenty years since annexation and Native Hawaiians were still trying to adjust to life under the United States, the loss of their sovereign nation and a new form of democratic government; and

WHEREAS, in 1902, Prince Kūhiō was elected as Hawaiʻi's second Delegate to the U. S. Congress, and in Washington observed the distribution of government lands under the U. S. Homestead Act and saw the potential of such a law for Hawaiʻi; and

WHEREAS, along with other Hawaiian leaders, Prince Kūhiō recognized that Native Hawaiians were going through a very difficult period of adjustment after losing their nation, their lands, their way of life; and

WHEREAS, the possibility of a homestead program for Hawaiians offered hope as a means of rehabilitation for his people and he set out to bring such a program to fruition; and

WHEREAS, Prince Kūhiō understood that there was a need for support for a Hawaiian homestead program and with a determined group of Hawaiian leaders organized the first Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu in 1918; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu was the first of five councils and sixty-seven clubs to follow, all working toward the goal of improving life for Native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu continues to thrive and serve as a leader within the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs that was created in 1959 to facilitate the goals and objectives of bettering the conditions of Native Hawaiians.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 58th Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington, in the malama of ʻIkuwā and the rising of Māhealani, this 4th day of November 2017, honoring the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu on the centennial of its establishment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to 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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