

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

No. 2017 - 52

COMMITTING TO SUPPORT AND BE INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION, AND CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR OF THE HAWAIIAN

WHEREAS, it has been nearly thirty years, or approximately one generation, since over 40,000 Native Hawaiians came together at Aloha Stadium on January 23, 1988, to celebrate their shared culture, kinship, and connection to the ‘āina in a celebration called “The Year of the Hawaiian” (Ho‘olako); and

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2017, passed and adopted a 13-page single-spaced Senate Resolution Number 74, Senate Draft 1 (S.R. NO. 74, S.D.1) detailing some of the many successes and accomplishments of Native Hawaiians over the intervening 30 years and requests that the governor issue a proclamation to designate June 1, 2018, to June 1, 2019, as the Year of the Hawaiian; and

WHEREAS, Senate Resolution Number 74, Senate Draft 1 (S.R. NO. 74, S.D.1) further requests the Office of Hawaiian Affairs study and recommend a plan to celebrate, commemorate, and fund the Year of the Hawaiian and to submit their plan and any proposed legislation required to the Hawai‘i State Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

WHEREAS, Senate Resolution Number 74, Senate Draft 1 (S.R. NO. 74, S.D.1) further requests the Office of Hawaiian Affairs “coordinate, collaborate, and communicate with the Native Hawaiian community to organize, plan, and raise funds for the celebratory events and commemoration activities that will occur over the course of the Year of the Hawaiian in various venues and locales yet to be determined”; and

WHEREAS, in the last 30 years Native Hawaiians have made significant achievements in education, in law, in medicine, in music, in hula, in sports, in film, in literature, in natural resource management and stewardship, in civic engagement, in preserving and perpetuating the Hawaiian language, in business and economic development, in politics and community organizing, in traditional canoe building, navigating, and voyaging, and in increasing the role that Native Hawaiian culture, language, traditions, and values play in defining the laws, rules, procedures, and policies by which we live in Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, since 1918, the civic club movement has grown to 64 clubs located throughout the United States and within Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is an organization which has much to offer the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its efforts to plan, implement, and celebrate the Year of

the Hawaiian and is an organization that should be involved to aid and assist the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its efforts to celebrate the Year of the Hawaiian.

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, committing to support and be involved in the planning, implementation, and celebration of the Year of the Hawaiian; 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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