

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

No. 2018 – 5

HONORING HENRY KAONOIPUANANI KIM FOR UNSELFISH AND UNWAVERING SERVICE TO HIS FAMILY, HIS COMMUNITY AND TO LAU KANAKA NO HAWAI'I (LKNH) HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB – LEAVING A LEGACY OF ALOHA

WHEREAS, Henry Kaonoipuanani Kim was born on August 7, 1945, in Wai'anae, Hawai'i, he is the grandson of Abigail Pilila'au, an accomplished Hawaiian song writer, and he married Elizabeth (Dusty) Schnider and had two daughters, Lisa Keolalaninanohea and Mia Kaulanakaleonalani.

WHEREAS, he graduated from Wai'anae High School in 1963, and after a career playing Hawaiian music and running a catering business, Henry and Dusty moved to Chandler, Arizona in 2005 to be near his daughters; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 Henry and Dusty joined Lau Kanaka No Hawai'i (LKNH) Hawaiian Civic Club, and due to his extensive catering experience Henry eagerly accepted the kuleana of Lū'au Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, his success as Lū'au Chairperson quickly led to other leadership opportunities, and he was elected as LKNH Treasurer in 2008, then he was elected as Pelekikena in 2009, and served until 2012; and

WHEREAS, a talented musician, band leader and field-tested organizer, Henry established the Sandwich Isle Ukulele Band in 2010, and under his leadership, the Sandwich Isle Ukulele Band provided Hawaiian entertainment for the Arizona Aloha Festival, LKNH Annual fundraiser lū'au, and numerous other cultural performances within the community including at the Basha's Public Library, adult community centers, the Music Instrument Museum, and special performances for annual celebrations and club meetings; and

WHEREAS, Henry composed, arranged and wrote lyrics to Aloha E Alikona, Blue Maui Girl, Ha'aeo 'Oe Maui (with his grandmother), and the Sandwich Isle Ukulele Band theme song; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Sandwich Isle Ukulele Band delivered one of its most popular performances at the Musical Instrument Museum in Scottsdale, Arizona, promoting Hawaiian music and culture; and

WHEREAS, from 2010 to May 2018, Henry taught ukulele to novice and experienced players, offering kanikapila sessions at a local restaurant once a week for two hours from

September to May each year, and these kanikapila sessions drew a following of more than 72 regulars, locals, and “snowbirds” to Arizona; and

WHEREAS, in August 2013, LKNH hosted the Mainland Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs meeting, and Henry served a project manager and masterfully coordinated a visit to the Saguaro Medium Correctional Center in Eloy, Arizona where over 1,800 Native Hawaiian inmates remain incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the visit was to mālama and aloha the inmates, and with the help of Warden Thomas, all participants had an emotional time of listening, learning, and understanding of their experiences, challenges and needs was accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the kanikapila spirit prevailed during the visit as ukulele, mele, and hula permeated the gathering; and

WHEREAS, a repeat visit in May 2017 resulted in an equally emotional experience, and inmates’ family and guests were invited to join the delegation of the Mainland Council members and ‘ohana delivered a message of hope for incarcerated Hawaiians in Eloy, Arizona.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 59th Annual Convention in Kalapaki, Kaua‘i, in the malama of Welehu and the rising of ‘Olepau, this 17th day of November 2018, honoring Henry Kaonoipuanani Kim for unselfish and unwavering service to his family, his community and to Lau Kanaka No Hawai‘i (LKNH) Hawaiian Civic Club – leaving a legacy of aloha; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Elizabeth (Dusty) Schneider Kim, Pelekikena of Lau Kanaka No Hawai‘i Hawaiian Civic Club, Pelekikena of the Mainland Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Mia Carillo, the Sandwich Isle Ukulele Band, 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 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, all County Mayors.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted in the malama of Welehu and the rising of ‘Olepau on the 17th day of November 2018, at the 59th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Kalapaki, Kaua‘i.


Annelie C. Amaral, President