

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

No. 2019 - 1

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF KAMOHA-ALI'I WILLIS BAKER, MEMBER OF MOKU'ĀINA A WAKINEKONA HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB AND ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBER OF THE PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS

WHEREAS, Kamoha-Ali'i Willis Baker was born August 31, 1978, in Tacoma, Washington and is the second son of Benjamin Kaeha Baker and Lorna Kathleen (Garcia) Baker; and

WHEREAS, Kamoha-Ali'i's name was chosen by his great-grandmother, Tutu Emma Grant Kapela Willis (Kuie'e) Baker in honor of her father, James Willis Kamoho-Ali'i Kapela Willis; and

WHEREAS, Kamoha-Ali'i is a shark god in Hawaiian mythology known to guide lost ships or people at sea back home and is one of the 'aumakua for the Baker 'Ohana; and

WHEREAS, Kamoha-Ali'i's Grandparents are Jack Napahuelua Baker Jr. & Edna Maile (Kaneali'i) Baker and Ellen (Brown) and Alex Garcia Sr; and

WHEREAS, Kamoha-Ali'i is and will always be loved by his father Benjamin and wife April, his brother Kaeha Kaneali'i, Sr. (Yolanda), sisters Apelila Tsurukolee (Baker) Newby (Jon), and Mele Mohaihalohaokalani Baker (Victor); and

WHEREAS, Kamoha-Ali'i is survived by his nine children and one hānai daughter, Isaiah, Isis, Isabel (Lianne), Britani (hanai), Ilijah, Ikaika, Iterniti, Isai (Dena), Irie and Illenna (Jackie); and

WHEREAS, Kamoha-Ali'i's Godparents are Aunty Ilene Mawae and Uncle Rodney (Moose) Stirewalt; and

WHEREAS, Kamoha-Ali'i became a member of Moku'aina A Wakinekona Hawaiian Civic Club on July 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Kamoha-Ali'i was an enrolled tribal member of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians; and

WHEREAS, Kamoha-Ali'i was loved by his many friends as well as uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews from the Baker, Garcia, Kaneali'i, and West 'Ohana; and

WHEREAS, as a child growing up Kamoha-Ali'i learned the hula from his Kumu Frances Cruz and participated with the Hawai'i 50th Club annual lū'au, and the opening ceremony of the Keali'i Reichel concert; and

WHEREAS, Kamoha-Ali'i also participated as a pū blower in the welcoming protocol for the Hokule'a and Hawai'i Loa when it touched upon Washington State's shores; and

WHEREAS, Kamoha-Ali'i graduated from River-Ridge High School in Lacey, Washington, then worked at the Emerald Queen Casino as a card dealer and also part-time maintenance for the Puyallup Tribe of Indians; and

WHEREAS, Kamoha-Ali'i passed away on February 2, 2019, in Tacoma, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Kamoha-Ali'i last quoted on his Facebook profile "WHEN U SEE ME DO U SEE OR IS WHAT U'VE SEEN AN ILLUSION LIFE'S BEEN DEFUSED N WILL END WITH KONFUSION."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 60th Annual Convention in Lahaina, Maui, in the malama of Welehu and the rising of Lā'au Pau, this 16th day of November 2019, remembering the life of Kamoha-Ali'i Willis Baker, member of Moku'āina a Wakinekona Hawaiian Civic Club and enrolled tribal member of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a moment of silence be held by the delegates in honor of Kamoha-Ali'i at this Convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Benjamin K. Baker, Moku'āina A Wakinekona Hawaiian Civic Club, Tribal Council Chairperson David Bean of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, 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 subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House subject matter committee on 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 Welehu and the rising of Lā'au Pau on the 16th day of November 2019, at the 60th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Lahaina, Maui.

Hailama V. K. K. Farden, President