

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

NO. 2020 - 26

CELEBRATING AND HONORING J. IKAIKA ANDERSON UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS CHAIR OF THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Justin-Michael Ikaika Anderson, also known as Ikaika Anderson, retired this year as chair and presiding officer of the Honolulu City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ikaika has served the Honolulu City Council as a staff member, councilmember, and council chair with distinction for the past 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Ikaika comes from an ‘ohana of dedicated Hawaiian Civic Club members and officers, most notably his grandparents Whitney and Hannie Anderson; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Anderson served as Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs president from 1970 to 1972, Hannie Anderson took the helm from 1973 to 1975 and from 1984 to 1987, and also belonged to the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club; and

WHEREAS, they have instilled in their grandson the values and dedication of our beloved Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole, who called upon Hawaiian Civic Clubs to seek out and practice civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, while Ikaika is a member of the Waimānalo Hawaiian Civic Club, his desire for civic engagement began in 2003, when he became a key member of the staff for the late Council Chair Barbara Marshall; and

WHEREAS, after Ms. Marshall’s passing in 2009, Ikaika sought to carry on some of her initiatives, and entered the fray of political office, becoming elected to represent City Council District III – the communities of Waimānalo, Kailua and Kāne‘ohe; and

WHEREAS, in past years, Ikaika has served as vice-chair of the Honolulu City Council and as chair of the council’s planning and zoning committee; and

WHEREAS, Ikaika announced that his decision to retire from the Honolulu City Council was, in large part, due to his desire to have more time to kōkua his kūpuna in their elder years; and

WHEREAS, born in 1978, Ikaika was adopted by his grandparents and raised in Windward O‘ahu by his mother Kim and his grandparents “hānai” style; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Kamehameha Schools, he earned B.A. degrees in journalism and political science at the University of Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, Ikaika is married to Lisa Hirata Anderson, and the couple have four children: Tianni, JW, and twins Kaleb and Kaili; and

WHEREAS, Ikaika is also a member of the Outrigger Canoe Club, University of Hawai‘i Alumni Association, Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association and the Filipino Junior Chamber of Commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 61st Annual Convention held online, in the malama of Makali‘i and the rising of ‘Olekūkolu, this 22nd day of November 2020, celebrating and honoring J. Ikaika Anderson upon his retirement as chair of the Honolulu City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs extends its congratulations and appreciation to J. Ikaika Anderson for his years of service and for exemplifying the civic engagement envisioned by Prince Kūhiō in establishing the first Hawaiian Civic Club in 1917; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to J. Ikaika Anderson, Whitney and Hannie Anderson, the Honolulu City Clerk, the Waimānalo 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 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 Makali'i and the rising of 'Olekūkolu on the 22nd day of November 2020, at the 61st Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs held online.

Hailama V.K.K. Farden, President