



Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

Founded 1918 Honolulu, Hawai'i

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Aloha,

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is a recognized advocate of the Native Hawaiian community since the movement's founding by Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole in 1918. There are 68 individual clubs located throughout Hawai'i and the United States.

Last month, the Association convened its 54th Annual Convention at Kalapaki Beach, Kaua'i to discuss important issues, like the state of our education, health, Native Hawaiian trusts and organizations, natural and cultural resource management, and economic development. Convention delegates considered and debated a number of resolutions on these issues, as well as resolutions that honor and commend the lives and achievements of members of our community. The delegates voted to adopt a total of 69 resolutions.

Enclosed you will find certified copies of resolutions that were adopted with the recommendation to notify you. We ask that you consider the content of these resolutions, including the positions on issues and requests for action. Should you have any questions, please contact us:

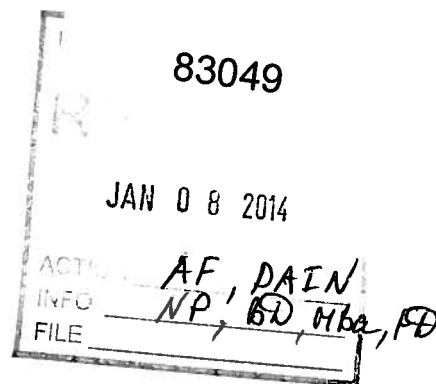
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Mahalo nui loa,

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**ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN
CIVIC CLUBS**

A RESOLUTION

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**URGING THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS KŌMIKE KAIOLA
TO PARTNER WITH OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN PLANNING AND
IMPLEMENTING AN ANNUAL EVENT TO HONOR AND RAISE AWARENESS ON
THE VALUE OF BIODIVERSITY FOR HUMAN WELL-BEING AROUND THE
WORLD**

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2013 an official notification was issued by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity regarding the theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2014; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2014 international day will be “Island Biodiversity”; and

WHEREAS, islands and their surrounding near-shore marine areas constitute unique ecosystems often comprising many plant and animal species that are endemic – found nowhere else on Earth; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of a unique evolutionary history, these ecosystems are irreplaceable treasures and are also key to the livelihood, economy, well-being and cultural identity of 600 million islanders – one-tenth of the world’s population; and

WHEREAS, the International Day for Biological Diversity provides an opportunity to communicate and involve the public to build awareness on the value of biodiversity for human well-being around the world, as well as to communicate efforts made in support of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has proclaimed May 22 The International Day for Biological Diversity to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues; and

WHEREAS, within Kanaka Maoli worldview, the Earth and her myriad lifeforms (biological diversity) are kinolau, the earthly body forms of the Akua and every life form possesses living energy that sustains each other creating a familial, interdependent, reciprocal relationship between the Akua, the ‘āina, and the kanaka in fine balance and harmony; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 54TH annual convention at Kalapaki Beach, Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i this 16th day of November 2013, that it urges the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Kōmike Kaiola to partner with other community organizations in planning and implementing an annual event to honor and raise awareness on the value of biodiversity for human well-being around the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the first annual event begin in May 2014 and join island peoples, Governments, and others in celebrating island biodiversity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be given to the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Principal Officer of Mainstreaming, Partnerships and Outreach of the CBD, the Programme Officer on Traditional Knowledge of the CBD, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on the 16th day of November 2013, at the 54th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at Kalapaki Beach, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

Annelle C. Amaral

Annelle C. Amaral, Acting President