Resolution of the
Puwalu ‘Eiwa, Ka Holomua ‘Ana O Ka ‘Aha Moku
(Puwalu 9, Moving the ‘Aha Moku Forward)

Whereas the Puwalu ‘Eiwa, Ka Holomua ‘Ana O Ka ‘Aha Moku (Conference 9, Moving the ‘Aha Moku Forward) convened on November 28 and 29, 2016, in Honolulu with 60 ‘aha moku practitioners and experts from Manokalanipo (Kaua‘i), Moku o Kakuihihewa (O‘ahu), Moloka‘i Pule O‘o (Moloka‘i), Moku o Piilani (Maui), ‘Aha Moku o Maui Inc., Kohe Malamalama o Kanaloa (Kaho‘olawe) and Moku o Keawe (island of Hawai‘i);

Whereas the Puwalu participants reviewed the achievements and challenges since the inaugural Ho‘ohano I Na Kupuna Puwalu in August 2006, acknowledging State of Hawai‘i legislation that created the ‘Aha Kiole Advisory Committee to identify best practices of native Hawaiian traditional resource management (Act 212 in 2007); the ‘Aha Moku Advisory Committee to advise the State’s Board and Department of Land and Natural Resources (Act 288 in 2012); and development of the ‘Aha Moku Rules of Practice and Procedure (Senate Concurrent Resolution 55 in 2015); while also recognizing that the ‘Aha Moku island councils are well developed on some islands and much less so on others;

Whereas the Puwalu participants reviewed and discussed the ‘Aha Moku System at the State and island levels and the cultural, historical and legal basis of the rights and responsibilities of the system as reflected in the ‘Aha Moku Rules of Practice and Procedures, which were adopted on October 20, 2016;

Whereas the lack of Native Hawaiian representation on various state boards and commissions does not ensure that native rights are being upheld;

Whereas there is a need for Native Hawaiian representation on every board and commission;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the participants of the Puwalu ‘Eiwa, Ka Holomua ‘Ana O Ka ‘Aha Moku recommends that the Hawaiian traditional practitioner seat on the Board of Land and Natural Resources be filled by a Native Hawaiian. The seat is now filled temporarily by a non-Hawaiian replacing Ulalia Woodside and needs to be confirmed by the Senate;

Be it further resolved that the ‘Aha Moku further recommends that the Hawaiian traditional practitioner seats on the Land Use Commission, the Commission on Water Resource Management, the Legacy Lands Conservation Commission, the Game Management Advisory Commission, the Historic Sites Review Board, and the Natural Area Reserves System Commission, each be filled by a Native Hawaiian.
Adopted by consensus on this the twenty-ninth day of November 2016 in Honolulu at the Puwalu ‘Eiwa, Ka Holomua ‘Ana O Ka ‘Aha Moku.

Manokalanipo (Kaua‘i)  

Moku o Kakuhihewa (Oahu)  

Moloka‘i Pule O‘o (Moloka‘i)  

Moku o Pi‘ilani (Maui)  

Aha Moku o Maui Inc. (Maui)  

Kohe Malamalama o Kanaloa (Kaho‘olawe)  

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