URGING THE COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL ENTITIES
TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE THE AHA MOKU SYSTEM
AS PART OF THE MANAGEMENT REGIME OF
NATURAL RESOURCES IN HAWAIʻI

WHEREAS, the statewide Hoʻolei ʻIa Paeʻaina Puwalu was held at the
Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu on November 19 and 20, 2010,
involving more than 200 native Hawaiian traditional practitioners,
fishermen, farmers, ranchers, educators, municipal representatives, State
representatives and the general public, and

WHEREAS, it was agreed that the ʻAha Moku structure is a traditional, effective, and
community-based way to manage natural resources in Hawaiʻi, and

WHEREAS the island caucuses at the Puwalu agreed that the Hawaii State Legislature should
extend, amend and implement Act 212:
• That the ʻAha Moku system be continued;
• That the recommendations from each island in the 2009 ʻAha Kiole report to the
Legislature be implemented;
• That new ʻAha Kiole representatives be selected/elected by ʻAha Moku councils that
have been established on each of the mokupuni;
• That where Aha Moku councils have not yet been established, efforts be made to
establish them as soon as possible;
• That Niihau a Kahelelani continue to be managed based on and exclusively under its
konohiki system;
• That these Aha Moku councils be formally recognized;
• That the ʻAha Kiole role be amended so as to include it being the conduit between the
Aha Moku system and the State of Hawaii Legislature; and
• That the new ʻAha Kiole report back to the Legislature on the status of the ʻAha Moku
system throughout the pacʻaina at the end of 2011, and

WHEREAS the Puwalu participants also supported customary and traditional practices that have
sustained the native Hawaiian population and culture, such as the cultural, non-commercial take
of honu and fish from waters throughout the Hawaii Archipelago;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the participants of the Hawaiʻi Statewide Puwalu,
in conference at the Hawaiʻi Convention Center on November 19 and 20, 2010, urge the county,
state and federal entities to formally recognize the ʻAha Moku system as part of the management
regime of natural resources in Hawaii and the allowance of customary and traditional practices;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted in Hawaiian and
English to all County Mayors, Governor of Hawaii, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House,
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Chair, House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Chair, Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Chair, Secretary of Commerce, the Chair of the
Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, and the US Ambassador to the United
Nations.