



Resolution to unite Native Hawaiians to move forward, to live, to grow, to gather together, to stand firm and to restore and perpetuate the Hawaiian way of life.

WHEREAS, more than 100 elders, parents and youth—who are traditionalists, practitioners and experts as well as lineal descendants of the original inhabitants of the islands Kure Atoll, Midway Atoll, Pearl and Hermes Atoll, Lisianski Island, Laysan Island, Maro Reef, Gardner Pinnacles, French Frigate Shoals, Necker Island, Nihoa, Ni‘ihau, Kaua‘i, O‘ahu, Moloka‘i, Lāna‘i, Maui and Hawai‘i—met to honor our ancestors in the first of a series of three conferences;

WHEREAS, this first conference provided a forum for the distinguished elders, practitioners and experts to discuss and share the cultural practices of the fishermen and the farmers from the *ahupua`a* of 45 traditional land districts of the Hawaiian archipelago;

WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiians attending this conference acknowledged that the spiritual and physical well being of indigenous people of Hawai‘i are intrinsically tied to the land and the sea;

WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiians attending this conference recognized that the knowledge they share and hold reflects thousands of years of experience sustaining the resources of the land and the sea;

WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiians attending this conference identified examples of impacts negatively affecting their access to, and the abundance and availability of, the natural resources;

WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiians attending this conference reaffirmed to move forward together with one voice as lineal descendents and urge the Hawaiian people and supporters of Hawaiian culture to rise up to ensure the community’s health, safety and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Native Hawaiians attending this conference call on the Hawaiian people to begin the process to uphold and continue Hawaiian traditional land and ocean practices into the governance and education of the Hawaiian archipelago;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Native Hawaiians attending this conference call for perpetuation and preservation of the knowledge of practitioners and the restoration of healthy ecosystems through furtherance of the *ahupua`a* management system, including *konohiki* management with *kapu* and *hoa`aina* rights, and the re-establishment of the *`Aha Moku*.

Finished is the stealing of the land;
Finished is the stealing of the sea;
Finished is the stealing of the life of the land.

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The people of the land shall rise up.

—*prophecy of Wānana*

Approved and adopted on the seventeenth day of August two thousand six by the Native Hawaiians attending the first conference of the Ho`ohanohano I Nā Kūpuna series.