



Declaration Reaffirming Independence and Protesting Na'i Aupuni and United States Federal Recognition

Whereas, Kanaka Maoli are the first peoples of Ko Hawai'i Pae 'Āina (the Hawaiian Archipelago) since time immemorial;

Whereas, the Kingdom of Hawai'i was recognized as a nation in 1843 by the then Family of Nations;

Whereas, the multi-ethnic Kingdom of Hawai'i - the majority of which were Kanaka Maoli - was overthrown in 1893 by a small clique of American businessmen with the assistance of the United States (US) military;

Whereas, the living descendants of the citizens of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, like their ancestors, continue to assert unrelinquished sovereignty over Ko Hawai'i Pae 'Āina;

Whereas, in 2014 the Department of Interior (DOI) ignored all verbal testimony for restitution, reconciliation, self-determination, and Independence as the DOI continues to pursue the path of Federal Recognition Native for Hawai'i;

Therefore be it resolved that we the undersigned:

Reaffirm our right to Independence and self-determination;

Respudiate Na'i Aupuni's false claims to be the representative voice of all Kanaka Maoli people;

Reject present and future US attempts through the DOI to Federally Recognize the Kanaka Maoli people on a par with a Native American Tribe under the document entitled "Procedures for Reestablishing a Formal Government-to-Government Relationship with the Native Hawaiian Community;"

Assert our commitment to Uphold and Honor the ongoing endeavors of the maka'āinana to rebuild our Lāhui via, among other ways:

- 1) the reclamation of our gathering rights;
- 2) the spread of 'ōlelo Hawaii and the re-envisioning of our educational systems;
- 3) the revitalization of our traditional resource stewardship that assured food sustainability through responsible stream, estuary/reef management as well as kalo farming and fishpond upkeep;
- 4) resistance of the perils of climate change via the pursuit of truly independent economic system free from the strangle-hold of transnational corporations;
- 5) the re-invigoration of traditional means of healing such as 'ai pono, ho'oponopono, and lomilomi, and the protection of wahi pana like Mauna Kea, Waipi'o, Haleakalā;
- 6) the expansion of scholarly research to uncover the full range of traditional knowledge that our kūpuna gifted us;

Finally, we shall Unify all efforts to create an Independent Hawai'i, and so restore Ko Hawai'i Pae 'Āina to the descendants of the Hawaiian Kingdom for a better future for generations to come...

A Mau A Mau