HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017 STATE OF HAWAII H.C.R. NO. 192

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE JANUARY 2018 TO JANUARY 2019 AS THE YEAR OF THE HAWAIIAN AND REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND TO THE LEGISLATURE A PLAN TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE HAWAIIAN.

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have a demonstrated history of 1 independent thought, the ability to think critically, and the 2 3 facility to express themselves effectively through a number of public venues, media, and forums to challenge existing norms, 4 5 policies, and rules consistent with the growing renaissance, rebirth, and rise in their understanding and knowledge of Native 6 Hawaiian history, Native Hawaiian culture, Native Hawaiian 7 traditions, and Native Hawaiian values; and 8

10 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians are the indigenous native people 11 of the archipelago of the Hawaiian Islands; and 12

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians built a sustainable community in
the Hawaiian archipelago beginning as early as 400 to 600 A.D.
and continuing until the present; and

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians created a communal stewardship
over land, ocean, and all natural resources to subsist and to
sustain a growing 'ohana; and

21 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians are believed to have voyaged 22 originally to and from the Marquesas Islands and later to and 23 from Tahiti to the Hawaiian Islands; and 24

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians ended their active voyages by
canoe back and forth from Polynesia in 1400 A.D. and restarted
their voyaging tradition again in 1976 with the first transPacific sailing of the Hokule'a; and



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WHEREAS, in 1976, Native Hawaiian sailors on Hokule'a's 1 2 maiden voyage to Tahiti began to re-establish traditional 3 Polynesian wayfinding using the stars, the waves, the winds and 4 the birds as mapping points for direction, thereby resurrecting 5 wayfinding traditions used by Hawaiian navigators to explore the Pacific and settle within the Hawaiian Islands; and 6 7 8 WHEREAS, in 2013, Native Hawaiian voyagers and way-finders 9 embarked on the Malama Honua Worldwide Voyage to sail around the 10 world to celebrate the Hawaiian culture, to perpetuate traditional Polynesian voyaging, and to create hands-on world-11 wide educational programs to malama 'aina; and 12 13 14 WHEREAS, the pace at which Native Hawaiians are taking 15 action to reaffirm their relationship with the 'aina and to imbed Native Hawaiian customs, traditions, and values in government 16 processes and decision-making at all levels of government 17 18 continues to quicken demonstrably, and Hawaiian concepts of 19 kuleana, malama 'aina, and 'aina momona, to name a few, have now 20 become part of the vernacular of modern-day governance in 21 Hawai'i; and 22 WHEREAS, data indicates that the Native Hawaiian population 23 24 is growing: 25 (1)2010 United States census data indicates there were 26 27 527,077 Native Hawaiians living in the United States 28 with 289,970, or fifty-five percent, living in Hawaii, 29 which comprises 21.3 percent of Hawai'i's total 30 population; 31 32 (2)2013 United States census data indicates there were 33 560,488 Native Hawaiians overall - a population growth 34 rate that is one of the nation's highest based on the 35 population growth measured from 2000 to 2010; and 36 37 (3) 2013 United States census data indicates that the 38 Native Hawaiian population is expected to double 39 before 2050; and 40



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WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians commemorations for Makahiki, for 1 2 Lā Kū'oko'a (November 28), for Lā Ho'iho'i Ea (July 31), for the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom (January 17), and for 3 4 the birthdays of the mo'i grow stronger each year and are an indication that more Hawaiians are reflecting upon the meaning 5 6 of the line from the song "Kalauna Na Pua" - "Ua lawa mākou i ka põhaku" - which speaks to a growing sense of Hawaiian unity and 7 nationalism and which means, "as long as there is a stone in our 8 9 islands we will endure"; and

WHEREAS, it has been nearly thirty years or approximately 11 one generation in duration since the gathering (called Ho'o Lako) 12 of over 40,000 Native Hawaiians consisting of individuals, 13 14 families, Native Hawaiian practitioners, hula halau, cultural experts, kumu hula, political leaders, educators, and many 15 16 others from all walks of life gathered on January 23, 1988, at Honolulu Stadium to celebrate their shared culture, shared 17 18 kinship, and shared connection to Hawai'i Pae'Aina; and 19

20 WHEREAS, in 1988, Papa Ola Lokahi was created by the United 21 States Congress to address the 1985 E Ola Mau, The Native 22 Hawaiian Health Needs Assessment, to administer the Native 23 Hawaiian Health Care Act passed by the United States Congress, 24 establish strategic partnerships, programs, public policies, and 25 consult with federal agencies in order to improve the health of 26 Native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, Papa Ola Lokahi created five health care systems on all the major islands tailored to meet the needs of the Native Hawaiian communities on each island by providing a wide range of services such as primary care, pharmacy, nutrition and traditional diets, dental, mental health and substance abuse, and traditional healing programs and services; and

35 WHEREAS, Papa Ola Lokahi created health career scholarship 36 programs that have enabled over 265 Native Hawaiian health 37 professionals to complete their education and serve in Native 38 Hawaiian communities that suffer from health care shortages; and 39 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian health professionals have:



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(1)Developed and shared cutting-edge health research and 1 best practices in the areas of diabetes, cancer, 2 3 hypertension, heart disease, patient access, and social services; 4 5 Achieved a specific ethnic and racial category for 6 (2) Native Hawaiians Or Pacific Islanders (NHOPI) separate 7 8 from Asians, to be used in collecting and evaluating 9 federal demographic and census data; 10 (3) Assisted the federal government to establish that 11 "raising the health status of Native Hawaiians to the 12 highest possible level" as a national goal; and 13 14 15 (4)Been instrumental in creating the Department of Native Hawaiian Health at the University of Hawai'i John A. 16 Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), which in turn has 17 led to a significant increase in the number of Native 18 Hawaiian physicians and researchers, as well as the 19 20 number of Native Hawaiian applicants, students, and graduates at JABSOM; and 21 22 WHEREAS, the JABSOM Department of Native Hawaiian Health 23 has won awards of more than \$90,000,000 from the National 24 25 Institutes of Health to support and train Native Hawaiian researchers in health disparities research; and 26 27 28 WHEREAS, the 'Ahahui o na Kauka, or Native Hawaiian 29 Physician's Association, has grown from 11 physicians in 1975 to 30 320 today; and 31 32 WHEREAS, a recently published Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism study discovered that 18,400 33 34 individuals in the State of Hawai'i speak Hawaiian language in their homes; and 35 36 37 WHEREAS, 'Aha Punana Leo's Hawaiian language preschool 38 immersion program has educated over 6,000 students since it first began operations in 1983; and 39 40 41 WHEREAS, the Kula Kaiapuni K-12 public Hawaiian language 42 immersion program, where the medium of instruction for all



subjects is the Hawaiian language, has now graduated 18 1 2 successive classes of students beginning in 1999 and continuing 3 through 2016; and 4 WHEREAS, the oldest of these students who have now attained 5 the age of 35, and many of these graduates, who are now parents, 6 7 choose to enroll their children in Hawaiian language medium 8 schools where instruction is completely in Hawaiian; and 9 10 WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized and funded the Native Hawaiian Education Act in 1988 to address and support 11 the educational needs of Native Hawaiians and reauthorized the 12 13 Act in 1994, 2001, and 2015; and 14 15 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has also authorized and 16 funded the Native American Languages Act in 1990 to revitalize, 17 preserve, and increase the use of native languages (including 18 the Native Hawaiian language) and has appropriated funds 19 annually for it; and 20 21 WHEREAS, the Kamehameha Schools has collected and analyzed 22 Native Hawaiian data and published the Native Hawaiian Education 23 Assessment in 1983, 1993, and 2005 to identify and track trends, 24 needs, and positive and negative disparities, and has assisted 25 in researching, collecting, developing, and highlighting promising practices that may be implemented and shared to 26 improve the overall well-educational being and achievement of 27 28 Native Hawaiian children; and 29 30 WHEREAS, the Kamehameha Schools and the Department of 31 Education have entered into a memorandum of understanding to advance the Hawaiian language as a medium of teaching in public 32 33 schools, promote Hawaiian culture-based education statewide, and 34 share data to increase college completion for Native Hawaiian 35 students; and 36 37 WHEREAS, the Kamehameha Schools built two additional 38 campuses on the neighbor islands of Maui (Pukalani) in 1996 and 39 Hawai'i (Kea'au) in 2001, which, in combination with the existing 40 Kapalama campus, built in 1931, annually educate 5,300 students 41 every year; and 42



WHEREAS, in 1987; the first Kula Kaiapuni immersion schools 1 2 were opened in Hilo and Waiau, which have grown in numbers since 3 then; and 4 5 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Kamehameha Schools celebrates 50 6 years of its Hawaiian culture-based explorations program 7 Ho'omāka'ika'i; and 8 9 WHEREAS, there has been a substantial growth in Native 10 Hawaiian charter schools so that 15 of the existing 31 state charter schools are now Native Hawaiian focused, participate as 11 12 part of the Native Hawaiian Charter School Alliance known as Nā Lei Na'auao, and are learning communities that are pedagogically 13 14 aligned in unique and various ways with Native Hawaiian culture, language, traditions, and values; and 15 16 WHEREAS, since 1988, Native Hawaiians have worked with the 17 18 University of Hawai'i (UH) to designate the following campuses as 19 a Hawaiian Place of Learning: Kahaka'ula O Ke'elikolani at UH-Hilo, Hawai'i Nuiakea School of Hawaiian Knowledge at UH-Mānoa; 20 and 21 22 23 WHEREAS, the UH has also hired additional Native Hawaiian 24 faculty and extended service learning into Native Hawaiian communities; and 25 26 27 WHEREAS, since 1988, access to historic Hawaiian language 28 newspapers has been made possible through translation, scanning, 29 and crowd sourcing typography, which have increased insights into the history of Hawai'i; and 30 31 32 WHEREAS, Ulu'ulu: The Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image 33 Archive of Hawai'i, was created in 2012 to perpetuate and share the rich moving image heritage of Hawai'i through the 34 preservation of film and videotape related to the history and 35 culture of Native Hawaiians and the people of Hawai'i; and 36 37 38 WHEREAS, 'Ulukau is a free digital online library for Hawaiian language materials that include searchable Hawaiian 39 language dictionaries, newspapers, books, the Hawaiian Bible, 40



genealogy, mahele and other place name resources, and was 1 2 created in 2005; and 3 WHEREAS, 'Ulukau was spearheaded by Hale Kuamo'o of Ka Haka 4 5 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language at UH Hilo and Ka Waihona Puke 'Oiwi Native Hawaiian Library at Alu Like, 6 7 averages over two million searches a month, and is approaching 8 106,000,000 searches in total, serving over 48,000 researchers; 9 and 10 11 WHEREAS, to increase the social, economic, health, and 12 educational well-being, self-determination, and quest for justice, Native Hawaiians have actively engaged and consulted 13 14 with local, state, federal, and international governmental and non-governmental entities and agencies to define, develop, and 15 pursue goals, policies, and positions consistent with Native 16 17 Hawaiian culture, traditions, and values; and 18 19 WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior and 20 the Department of Justice conducted meetings in 1999 in the 21 Hawaiian community to investigate the progress made on the reconciliation efforts being undertaken between the United 22 23 States and Native Hawaiians, as provided in the Apology Resolution, to solicit input from the Hawaiian community on 24 25 needed reconciliation efforts, and to recommend actions 26 necessary to achieve this desired reconciliation in a 2000 27 report titled "Mauka to Makai: The River of Justice Must Flow 28 Freely"; and 29 30 WHEREAS, the federal government established an Office of 31 Native Hawaiian Relations within the Department of the Interior, as recommended in the 2000 report, and developed and adopted an 32 administrative rule in 2016 within the United States Department 33 34 of the Interior to provide a pathway for a Native Hawaiian government comprised of Native Hawaiians to achieve federal 35 36 recognition if so desired; and 37 38 WHEREAS, Act 195, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, established the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission and provides, in pertinent 39

40 part in section 1, as follows:



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The legislature finds that the State has never explicitly acknowledged that Native Hawaiians are the only indigenous, aboriginal, maoli population of Hawaii.

Native Hawaiians are the indigenous, native people of the Hawaiian archipelago and are a distinctly native community. From its inception, the State has had a special political and legal relationship with the Native Hawaiian people and has continually enacted legislation for the betterment of their condition.

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The purpose of this Act is to recognize Native Hawaiians as the only indigenous, aboriginal, maoli population of Hawaii. It is also the State's desire to support the continuing development of a reorganized Native Hawaiian governing entity and, ultimately, the federal recognition of Native Hawaiians. The legislature urges the office of Hawaiian affairs to continue to support the self-determination process by Native Hawaiians in the formation of their chosen governmental entity.

27 WHEREAS, throughout the month of February 2016, over 130 28 Native Hawaiians residing in Hawaii, on the mainland, and across the world gathered on Oahu for one month to prepare a draft of a 29 constitution delineating the basic rights of its future Native 30 31 Hawaiian citizens and setting forth the form, structure, and function of the proposed legislative, executive, and judicial 32 33 branches of a proposed government premised on the idea that "[w]e join together to affirm a government of, by, and for 34 35 Native Hawaiian people to perpetuate a pono government and to promote the well-being of our people and the 'aina that sustains 36 us . . . [w]e reaffirm the national sovereignty of the nation 37 . . . [w] e reserve all rights to sovereignty and self-38 39 determination, including the pursuit of independence . . . [o]ur highest aspirations are set upon the promise of our unity and 40 41 this Constitution"; and 42



WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have worked since 1988 on the 1 2 restoration of at least 30 fishponds on the islands of Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, Maui, Lana'i, and Hawai'i; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, since 1988, Native Hawaiians have expanded the 6 annual Makahiki spiritual ceremonies and cultural celebrations 7 from Kaho'olawe to the islands of Hawai'i, Moloka'i and O'ahu, 8 including at Mākua Valley, Bellows Air Force Station, Mokapu, 9 Moku'ume'ume (Ford Island) and in state prisons; and 10 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i's people, with the 11 12 assistance of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, caused the stopping of the bombing of Kaho'olawe in 1990, returned the island to the 13 people of Hawai'i in 1994, worked to restore the island's 14 15 cultural and natural resources, re-established the island as a 16 Native Hawaiian cultural learning center, and established that the island would be transferred from the State of Hawai'i to a 17 sovereign Hawaiian entity once that entity was recognized by the 18 State of Hawai'i and the United States; and 19 20 21 WHEREAS, in 1993, Native Hawaiians observed the 100th 22 Anniversary of the Overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, which was 23 chronicled in "Onipaa: Five Days (January 13-17) In The History 24 of the Hawaiian Nation", and the United States Congress enacted 25 and the President of the United States signed Public Law 103-150 (The Apology Resolution) on November 23, 1993, apologizing to 26 27 Native Hawaiians "for the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai'i on January 17, 1893, with the participation of the agents and 28 citizens of the United States, and the deprivation of the rights 29 of Native Hawaiians to self-determination" and called for 30 31 reconciliation between Native Hawaiians and the United States: 32 and 33 34 WHEREAS, Royal Societies whose origins are rooted in the 35 legacies of Hawaiian Ali'i such as the Royal Order of Kamehameha originating in 1865, the Ka'ahumanu Society founded in 1905, the 36 37 Māmakakaua Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors originally formed as Daughters of the Warriors in 1911, Hale O Nā Aliʻi O 38

Hawai'i formed in 1918, and 'Aha Hipu'u, a hui formed in 2003 of

the four royal societies, continue to ensure that Native



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Hawaiians maintain a connection to their unique Native Hawaiian 1 heritage, history, and traditions; and 2 3 4 WHEREAS, Hawaiian homestead community organizations were 5 formed by various homestead community members to advance the economic and social improvement of the residents living within 6 7 these Hawaiian homestead communities and, of the 30 thenexisting homestead associations, 19 joined together in 1987 to 8 9 form the Sovereign Council of the Hawaiian Homestead Assembly 10 (SCCHA), which continues today with 35 of the 48 existing homestead communities represented by the SCCHA; and 11 12 WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, 13 14 established in 1918, which has grown over the years to 58 chapters located on the four islands of O'ahu, Hawai'i, Maui, and 15 Kaua'i, as well as on the mainland, continues to maintain an 16 active and growing presence in our communities to address the 17 18 needs of Native Hawaiians with respect to enhancing and 19 improving their lives, preserving Native Hawaiian culture, language, and traditions, increasing education, improving 20 economic well-being, and increasing the civic engagement of 21 22 Native Hawaiians in all aspects of modern civic life; and 23 24 WHEREAS, efforts to return and repatriate the Ki'i La'au and Kalani'opu'u's mahiole and 'ahu'ula to Hawai'i have been 25 26 successful; and 27 WHEREAS, Hawai'i was selected to host the 2016 International 28 Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) world conference, the 29 30 only time the United States was selected to host this event in the 60-year history of the IUCN, a conference which prominently 31 32 shared Native Hawaiian culture, Native Hawaiian traditions, and Native Hawaiian best practices to malama 'aina with participants, 33 34 representatives, and delegates from governmental and nongovernmental entities from around the world; and 35 36 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority has recently created 37 the following: 38 39 40 (1)Kūkulu Ola, a program supporting community based projects that enhance, perpetuate, and strengthen 41



1 2 3		Native Hawaiian communities and their cultural practices;
4 5 6	(2)	Aloha 'Āina, a program of community based projects that manage, improve, and protect Hawai'i's natural resources and strengthen 'āina-kānaka relationships;
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9 10 11 12 13	(3)	Ma'ema'e, a program to create a toolkit to assist the visitor industry in representing Hawai'i in an accurate and authentic manner, which highlights the uniqueness and richness of the Hawaiian culture; and
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have shared their ancestral knowledge and cultural practices of subsistence fishing and monitoring and managing marine resources with the State of Hawai'i, which has led to the establishment of the Hā'ena Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Management Area (CBSFA) and a proposal for the Mo'omomi Northwest Coast of Moloka'i CBSFA; and	
22 23 24		EAS, Native Hawaiians have initiated laws to protect d burial grounds of their ancestors; and
24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have raised the consciousness throughout Hawai'i of the importance of practicing Aloha 'Āina - loving, caring, respecting, and honoring the precious and fragile lands, seas, and climate of Hawai'i Pae'Āina - which has led to significant policies and programs to protect the sustainability of Hawai'i's natural resources; and	
32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39	WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have partnered with state, federal, and private entities to protect and restore important cultural resources such as Pu'ukoholā Heiau, Wao Kele O Puna Forest Reserve, Lapakahi, Hapaiali'i Heiau, Ku'emanu Heiau on Hawai'i Island; Kalaupapa on Moloka'i; Kūkaniloko Birthing Stones in Waimea Valley; Ulupō Heiau and Maunawila Heiau on O'ahu; and the Wailua complex of heiau on Kaua'i; and	



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WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have worked to restore stream 1 waters essential to healthy ecosystems for the cultivation of 2 3 taro at Waiahole, Oʻahu; Nā Wai Ehā on Maui; and East Maui; and 4 5 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian artists and film makers have 6 joined together through the Hawaiian Media Makers project to 7 exercise their kuleana over their cultural sovereignty by 8 developing protocols: 9 10 (1)To assure that digital media and films depicting 11 Native Hawaiians are produced respectfully and display Hawaiians in an accurate and authentic way; and 12 13 14 (2) To kāko'o and educate individuals and companies who are filming in Hawai'i and who may not be aware of Native 15 16 Hawaiian cultural protocols; and 17 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have asserted their cultural 18 19 rights, as well as their reciprocal and interdependent familial 20 and communal relationship to all living things, as expressed in 21 the Kumulipo, a Hawaiian creation chant, by drafting and affirming the Paoakalani Declaration of 2003 to protect genetic 22 23 material and indigenous and traditional Native Hawaiian 24 knowledge from bioprospecting, exploitation, and 25 misappropriation; and 26 27 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have worked with members of their rural communities to restore lo'i kalo where it once grew on our 28 29 Hawaiian islands; and 30 31 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian men have re-established the protocols and practices of the Hale Mua; and 32 33 34 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have revived the discipline, protocols, and practices of lua, Native Hawaiian fighting arts; 35 and 36 37 38 WHEREAS, the list of Native Hawaiians who have achieved high proficiency and excellence in their fields of endeavor is 39 too long to mention, is continually growing, and includes fields 40 and disciplines of music, sports, the arts, filmmaking, hula, 41 writing, literature, academics, medicine, law, history, social 42



work, teaching, politics, business, science, Native Hawaiian 1 culture and traditions, and Native Hawaiian language restoration 2 3 and revitalization; and 4 WHEREAS, after the explosion of Native Hawaiian 5 accomplishment and achievement grounded in the language, 6 culture, history, and traditions of Native Hawaiians over the 7 past 30 years, it is now time to pause, celebrate, and 8 commemorate all that has been achieved with the hope and 9 intention of inspiring future generations of Native Hawaiians; 10 now, therefore, 11 12 13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 14 Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested 15 to issue a proclamation to designate January 2018 to January 16 17 2019 as the Year of the Hawaiian; and 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs 19 20 is requested to: 21 22 Study and recommend to the Legislature a plan to (1)23 celebrate the Year of the Hawaiian, including 24 celebratory and commemoration events and fund raising; 25 and 26 27 (2) Submit the plan and any proposed legislation to the 28 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the 29 convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and 30 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is requested to coordinate, collaborate, and communicate with 32 the Native Hawaiian community to organize, plan, and raise funds 33 for the celebratory events and commemoration activities that 34 35 will occur over the course of the Year of the Hawaiian in various venues and locales yet to be determined; and 36 37 38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Chairperson of the 40 41 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, 42



Kamehameha Schools, Papa Ola Lokahi, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations, Native Hawaiian Education Council, Nā Lei Na'auao, and Polynesian Voyaging Society. 8

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