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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING HAWAIIAN COUNCIL FOR 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE,  
IMPACTFUL LEADERSHIP, AND STEADFAST ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF  
THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY.

1           WHEREAS, formerly known as the Council for Native Hawaiian  
2 Advancement, HAWAIIAN COUNCIL was founded in 2001 as a nonprofit  
3 organization dedicated to supporting the cultural, economic,  
4 political, and community development of Native Hawaiians; and  
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6           WHEREAS, under the leadership of Robin Danner, Michelle  
7 Ka'uhane, and Kūhiō Lewis, HAWAIIAN COUNCIL has advanced Native  
8 Hawaiian self-sufficiency by advocating for policies and  
9 programs that uplift lāhui priorities and reflect the values,  
10 traditions, and aspirations of Native Hawaiians; and  
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12           WHEREAS, HAWAIIAN COUNCIL has demonstrated a strong  
13 commitment to economic empowerment and expanded access to  
14 capital for Native Hawaiians through its activities as a Native  
15 Community Development Financial Institution and a HUD-Certified  
16 Housing Counseling Agency; the organization also operates a  
17 small business accelerator, trades academy, and marketplace,  
18 creating a comprehensive pipeline of support for individuals,  
19 families, and other nonprofit organizations; and  
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21           WHEREAS, HAWAIIAN COUNCIL has continued to center culture  
22 in its work, including developing Native Hawaiian-led visitor  
23 experiences and productions, transforming the tourism industry  
24 towards a more regenerative future, and helping to repatriate  
25 iwi kūpuna and other Native Hawaiian artifacts; and  
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27           WHEREAS, in times of crisis, HAWAIIAN COUNCIL has stepped  
28 forward to provide critical support to Native Hawaiian  
29 communities, establishing small business support and community  
30 outreach services during the COVID-19 pandemic and implementing



1 emergency housing solutions, rental assistance, and wraparound  
2 recovery services during the August 2023 Maui wildfires; and  
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4 WHEREAS, HAWAIIAN COUNCIL continues to play a vital role in  
5 connecting the Native Hawaiian community through its annual  
6 Native Hawaiian Convention, which has become one of the largest  
7 gatherings of Native Hawaiians in the nation and serves as a  
8 space for cultural exchange, policy discussion, networking, and  
9 collective visioning for the future; and  
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11 WHEREAS, HAWAIIAN COUNCIL's success over the past 25 years  
12 is a result of its exceptional leadership, dedicated staff,  
13 motivated interns, committed partners, and a membership base of  
14 over 1,400 individuals and groups, as well as the collective  
15 wisdom and strength of Native Hawaiian communities throughout  
16 the country that continue to shape the organization's direction  
17 and priorities; and  
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19 WHEREAS, HAWAIIAN COUNCIL has now grown into one of the  
20 largest and most influential Native Hawaiian organizations in  
21 the nation, employing over 400 people and serving as a  
22 coordinating force for diverse organizations, leaders, and  
23 communities statewide and nationally; and  
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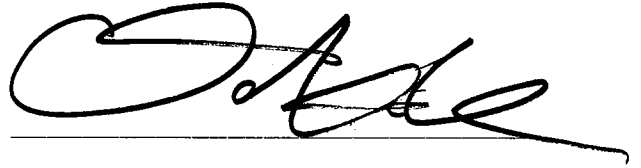
25 WHEREAS, the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HAWAIIAN COUNCIL represents  
26 a significant milestone for the organization, which remains  
27 committed to serving future generations of Native Hawaiians;  
28 now, therefore,  
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session  
32 of 2026, that this body hereby recognizes HAWAIIAN COUNCIL for  
33 25 years of dedicated service, impactful leadership, and  
34 steadfast advocacy on behalf of the Native Hawaiian community  
35 and extends its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued  
36 success in all future endeavors.  
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