The Hawaiian Kingdom is established under the single rule of Kamehameha I in 1810.

In 1825, Captain Benjamin Morrell, Jr. of the schooner *Pearl and Hermes* discovers Nihoa, a breeding ground for native birds, and creates the Hawaiian Islands Bird Reservation, a preserve and sacred sites. Kenneth Emory is a noted ethnologist who explores tons of feather and bird eggs.

In 1984, President Clinton issues Executive Order 13518 that creates the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary and protects Hawaiian cultural and religious uses.

"Native Hawaiian noncommercial subsistence, cultural, or religious uses may continue..." - E.O. 13518, Sec. 9

In 1997, President Clinton signs Executive Order 13212 designating the Hawaiian Islands as a National Monument and proclaiming the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands as the first National Marine Sanctuary.

In 2000, OHA is also an advocate for the protection of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights to access, gather and maintain traditional practices in the NWHI.