

# ***ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS***

## ***A RESOLUTION***

### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PERMANENT AND COMPLETE PROTECTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS**

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) Archipelagos are the most remote large-scale coral reef ecosystem on earth and the last predator dominated marine ecosystem left on our planet; and

WHEREAS, the NWHI Archipelagos consist of ceded lands and hold great significance in Hawaiian culture and history, and are featured in ancient 'oli and mele; and

WHEREAS, the NWHI Archipelagos must be a true Pu'uhonua – a place of safety and regeneration – in order to provide adequate support to endemic, rare, threatened, and endangered species including Hawaiian monk seals, threatened green sea turtles, endangered Hawksbill and Leatherback turtles and millions of migratory sea birds; and

WHEREAS, the NWHI Archipelagos are home to some of the planet's most ancient coral colonies, estimated to be over 1,000 years old, as well as home to diverse populations of fish, many of which have been depleted from the waters of the Main Hawaiian Islands; and

WHEREAS, the cold waters of the NWHI Archipelagos and the limited nutrient cycling make the NWHI ecosystem extremely vulnerable to disturbance; and

WHEREAS, massive public input and support from kūpuna, cultural practitioners, fishers, scientists, and community members prompted protections for this special place through the federal NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve established by the 2000 Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Orders governing the NWHI Archipelagos provide landmark recognition and protection for Native Hawaiian cultural, religious, and subsistence rights, as well as long-term protection of the NWHI Archipelagos' unique marine resources; and

WHEREAS, the NWHI Executive Orders require that any new federal regulations must "supplement and complement" – that is, add to, or increase – existing protections in the federal waters of the Reserve and Wildlife Refuge system, using the precautionary principle of resource protection, which favors conservation whenever there is a lack of information; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs passed a resolution urging the Governor of the State of Hawai'i to fully protect the state waters in the NWHI Archipelagos; and

WHEREAS, after receiving more than 25,000 comments from the public, the State of Hawai'i's Board of Land and Natural Resources responded by approving a fully protected Pu'uhonua or Refuge in the state waters of the NWHI Archipelagos; and

WHEREAS, the new state Refuge reflects public-input by guaranteeing Native Hawaiian cultural, religious, and subsistence practices while prohibiting all commercial and recreational fishing in the state waters of the NWHI Archipelagos; and

WHEREAS, because consistent and complementary regulations are essential to the entire ecosystem the state's Refuge protections should be extended to federal waters to ensure that this special place is adequately protected; and

WHEREAS, congressional legislation is the best and most appropriate means to secure complete and permanent protection of the Reserve (federal) waters of NWHI Archipelagos; and

WHEREAS, a national marine refuge that fully protects the NWHI Archipelagos' ecosystem would become the largest marine protected area in the world; and

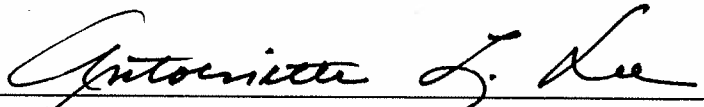
WHEREAS, since 2000, over thirty public hearings and visioning sessions, and more than 100 public meetings, consultations, and conferences have demonstrated broad and strong public support for eliminating commercial fishing and for permanently protecting this special place,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Kohala, Hawai'i, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2005, that leaders at all levels of government are urged to advocate for a true Pu'uhonua in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands through U.S. Congressional action that permanently and completely prohibits all commercial activities and protects Native Hawaiian cultural, religious, and subsistence practices, and allows only appropriate scientific and educational access to the NWHI Archipelagos that would only benefit the cultural and ecological resources of the NWHI Archipelagos; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i; the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; President of the Senate; and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawai'i; Hawai'i's U.S. Congressional Delegation; the Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Secretary of Interior.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on October 29, 2005, at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at Kohala, Hawai'i

  
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President

# ***ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS***

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### **URGING THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A 5-YEAR CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE DIABETES AWARENESS AND EDUCATION AMONG ALL HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB MEMBERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES ASSOCIATED WITH DIABETES MELLITUS IN NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have the highest prevalence rate of diabetes of all major ethnic groups in the state of Hawai`i; and

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have the highest death rates due to diabetes of all major ethnic groups in the state; and

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have a higher prevalence than other ethnic groups in the state for risk factors that contribute to diabetes, such as smoking, obesity, and poor diet; and

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians with diabetes have a higher prevalence than other ethnic groups in the state for risk factors that contribute to diabetes complications, such as failing to take medication; and

WHEREAS, diabetes awareness and education efforts are based on Western concepts and may not be culturally appropriate or effective in reaching Native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, Papa Ola Lōkahi has recently been awarded a 5-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to establish and implement the Pacific Diabetes Education Program, to promote diabetes education strategies in the Native Hawaiian community; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs has acknowledged diabetes prevention and control as a health priority through its ongoing collaboration with Papa Ola Lōkahi and the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems to conduct annual health screening activities; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Civic Clubs can take a proactive role in promoting diabetes awareness and education (on diabetes prevention, early detection, early treatment, self-management, and prevention of complications) among its membership,

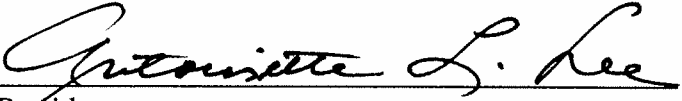
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Kohala, Hawai`i, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2005, that it support the development and implementation of a 5-year campaign to improve diabetes awareness and education for Hawaiian Civic Club members through a collaborative effort between Papa Ola Lōkahi's Pacific Diabetes Education Program and the Health Committee of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Papa Ola Lōkahi be called upon annually to report on diabetes education activities and their impact on raising the level of diabetes awareness among Hawaiian Civic Club members, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye; U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka; Division of Diabetes Translation, Center for Disease Control and Prevention; the Hawai`i State Department of Health; and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on October 29, 2005, at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at Kohala, Hawai`i

  
President