

Resolution

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CONGRATULATING HĀLAU
KEKUAOKALĀ`AU`ALA`ILIAHI FOR ITS
ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE 43RD ANNUAL QUEEN
LILI`UOKALANI KEIKI HULA COMPETITION

WHEREAS, Hālau Kekuaokalā`au`ala`iliahi claimed several first-place titles at the 43rd Annual Queen Lili`uokalani Keiki Hula Competition, held from July 19 to July 21, 2018 at the Neil S. Blaisell Center on O`ahu; and

WHEREAS, the kaikamahine and keiki kāne of Hālau Kekuaokalā`au`ala`iliahi competed against nineteen other hālau from across the state; and

WHEREAS, the kaikamahine took home first place in the `auana competition with their graceful performance of “Ike Ia Pelekane,” and also claimed the Mary Kawena Pukui Perpetual Trophy for the best usage of Hawaiian Language in their kahiko competition performance of “He Inoa No Lili`u;” and

WHEREAS, the keiki kāne claimed first place in both the kahiko and `auana competitions with their performances to “Pua Laha `Ole” and “Miloli`i,” respectively; and

WHEREAS, the keiki kāne also clinched the Wendell Kalanikapuaenui Silva Overall Perpetual Trophy for their exceptional performances, making this the fifth year in a row the keiki kāne of Hālau Kekuaokalā`au`ala`iliahi have won in the kahiko and overall categories; and

WHEREAS, the kaikamahine group consists of Hailey Agcaoili, Lyric Ah Puck, Kamakana Akina, Mahina Braun, Nalani Bulusan, Lexianne Carlos, Lilinoe Conley-Kapoi, Pilike Deguilmo, Uakea Dela Rosa, Aureana Ebana, Kahealani Foster, Kaelee Gordley, Jasmine Gorman, Pomaika`i Haleakala, Kailana Hamasaki, Mahealani Ibrao, Huaka`i Ka`a`a, Makena Kamai, Leina`ala Kuhlmann, Raine Lopez, Ku`uleimokihana Manaois,

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Ka`iulani Oana, Kamalei Pahukula, Ka`iulani Quinsaats, Kahōkūkaumaka Racadio, `Anela Symonds, and Kehau Tolentino; and

WHEREAS, the keiki kāne group consists of Ian Apisaloma-Waikiki, Kua Bacalso, Iokua Cabanilla, Ka`onohi Casco, Mana`olana Conley-Kapoi, Keali`i Eldredge, Ka`ikena Guzman, Jarvis Kala, Kainoa Kamai, Tydon Kauanaulu, Noah Kukona-Pacheco, Alike Medeiros, Kanoa Nemoto, Justin Paredes, Kamakana Quinsaats, Mana Reeves, Kealoha Rodrigues, Hinano Shiffler-Cabasag, and Kanoa Souza-Ting; and

WHEREAS, seven-year-old Justin Pua`iliahi Paredes of Hālau Kekuaokalā`au`ala`iliahi was named the 2018 Master Keiki Hula at this prestigious event after a skilled performance to the song “Henehene Kou `Aka;” and

WHEREAS, Justin is now the third person in his family to claim a soloist victory at this competition, alongside his father, `Iliahi Paredes, who won the Master Keiki Hula title in 1987, and his sister, Faith Kealohapau`ole Paredes, who won the Miss Keiki Hula title in 2015; and

WHEREAS, with the support of their dedicated kumu hula, `Iliahi Paredes and Haunani Parades, the keiki of Hālau Kekuaokalā`au`ala`iliahi have attained excellence in hula through their commitment and team spirit; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional performance, dedication and mana of these keiki have brought pride and honor to the people of the County of Maui; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby congratulates Hālau Kekuaokalā`au`ala`iliahi for its achievements at the 43rd Annual Queen Lili`uokalani Keiki Hula Competition; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to each keiki of Hālau Kekuaokalā`au`ala`iliahi; their kumu hula; the Honorable David Ige, Governor, State of Hawai`i; and the Honorable Alan M. Arakawa, Mayor, County of Maui.