

Resolution

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CONGRATULATING THE SEABURY HALL MIXED CREW AND GIRLS PADDLING TEAMS ON WINNING THE 2017 STATE TITLES

WHEREAS, the Seabury Hall Spartans mixed crew of Kaya Givensel, Taysia Pimentel, Hiilei Luuwai, Andrew Gibbons, Dylan Kresge, and Kainalu Kubo, along with alternates Robert Gibbons, Dylan Newbro, and Zach Ferrier, and coach Paul Luuwai, won the Hawaii High School Athletic Association's 2017 First Hawaiian Bank Canoe Paddling State Championships mixed crew title on February 4, 2017, at Keehi Lagoon, Oahu, Hawaii, for a second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, the Seabury Hall mixed crew, composed of girls and boys, crossed the finish line in 3 minutes, 48.99 seconds, which was 2.9 seconds ahead of second-place finisher Punahou; and

WHEREAS, the Seabury Hall Spartans girls team of Nanea Andrade, Kaya Givensel, Hiilei Luuwai, Kaila Medeiros, Taysia Pimentel and Shealyn Stisher, along with alternates Kiana Hyman, Amber Proctor and Alani Kapiioho, and coach Paul Luuwai, won the state girls title, the second in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Seabury Hall girls rose from third place at last year's championship to paddling into first place, crossing the finish line in 4 minutes, 16.80 seconds, a 2.16 second lead over second-place finisher Kamehameha Schools Kapalama; and

WHEREAS, Seabury Hall, located in Makawao, Maui, Hawaii, has an upper school student body of 320, but managed to triumph over 25 other schools including Mililani, Pearl City, and Kalaheo; and

WHEREAS, Seabury Hall completed a sweep of all three divisions in the Maui Interscholastic League canoe paddling season for the second time in three years, which brings their MIL title count to eight consecutive in the mixed crew title, six straight in girls, and three in a row for the boys; and

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WHEREAS, the Seabury Hall Spartans now have four state titles and 13 top-three finishes in the 16-year history of the state awarded canoe paddling titles; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional performance, dedication, and team spirit of Seabury Hall's mixed crew and girls paddling teams, under the direction of coach Paul Luuwai, 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 the Seabury Hall mixed crew and girls paddling teams on winning the 2017 State title; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to each Seabury Hall mixed crew and girls paddling team member; Paul Luuwai, Coach, Seabury Hall; Robert Dougherty, Athletic Director, Seabury Hall; Sarah Bakhiet, Athletic Director, Seabury Hall; Joe Balangitao, Jr., Executive Director, Maui Interscholastic League (MIL); Christopher Chun, Executive Director, Hawaii High School Athletic Association; and the Honorable Alan M. Arakawa, Mayor, County of Maui.