

## BF Committee

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Aloha,  
Attached, please find my testimony for the Queen Kaahumanu 250th Celebration.

Mahalo,

October 15, 2018

Aloha Kakou,

My name is JeanMary Kahookele. I am a resident of Nahiku, Hana District, and a current and active member of Ahahui Kaahumanu Chapter XI, Hana.

My family and I attended the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Queen Kaahumanu both Hana celebration and the Kahului exhibition. From the preparation and pre-event planning and activities: dying and printing of the Kihei, making and setting the ti leaf kahili throughout the community, making feather Kahili, practicing the oli, morning protocol and the unity of the Royal Order of Kamehameha and nine Ahahui Kaahumanu Chapters!

This was an amazing opportunity for cultural demonstrations and games, crafts and even food! Community involvement exceeded the expectations of this celebration. The Hana event was the culmination of months of hard work to create a memorable event that would appropriately honor our Queen with the integrity and reverence she was known for. This was our chance to come together and offer an event the entire community could participate in, enjoy, and take pride in! Days later people still came up to say "Thank you"! This is our joy and knowledge that the community benefitted and was grateful for this opportunity.

A lot people generously donated their time and knowledge to help make the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration a reality. One of the key organizers we owe much gratitude is Claudia Kalaola who's deep knowledge and history were essential to the success we enjoyed.

The Hana celebration was a wonderful time filled with awe and deep respect. An occasion we look forward to doing again in the future.

Mahalo,

JeanMary Kahookele