

Resolution

No. _____

CONGRATULATING HALAU NA LEI KAUMAKA O UKA AND
HALAU KEKUAOKALA`AU`ALA`ILIAHI FOR THEIR
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE 41ST ANNUAL QUEEN
LILI`UOKALANI KEIKI HULA COMPETITION

WHEREAS, Maui's Halau Na Lei Kaumaka O Uka, under the direction of Kumu Hula Napua Greig Nakasone, and Halau Kekuaokala`au`ala`iliahi, under the direction of Na Kumu Hula `Iliahi and Haunani Paredes, swept the competition at the 41st Annual Queen Lili`uokalani Keiki Hula Competition, held July 21-23, 2016, at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Gabrielle Maile Kaluheha Kalama, danced to "Waimea i Ka La`i," a mele written by Kumu Hula Greig Nakasone's cousin Natalie Ai Kamauu, to win the 2016 Miss Keiki Hula award for Halau Na Lei Kaumaka O Uka; and

WHEREAS, Halau Kekuaokala`au`ala`iliahi's kaikamahine placed first in both hula divisions, dancing a mele in honor of Princess Ka`iulani for kahiko and dancing to "Makalapua," a mele in honor of Queen Lili`uokalani, for `auana; and

WHEREAS, Halau Kekuaokala`au`ala`iliahi's keiki kane captured first place in the kahiko division for their performance of "He Inoa Nou e Kalani," honoring King David Kalakaua; and

WHEREAS, the kaikamahine also received the Pat Namaka Bacon Overall Perpetual Trophy, while the keiki kane received the Wendell Kalanikapuaenui Silva Overall Perpetual Trophy and the Mary Kawena Pukui Trophy Hawaiian Language Award for their oli and mele, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Staysia Haleakala succeeded as the Kawenaula Keiki Hula Scholarship Essay winner; and

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WHEREAS, the Queen Lili`uokalani Keiki Hula Competition began in 1976, when the Kalihi-Palama Culture & Arts Society organized a festival to honor the queen as Hawaii's last reigning monarch; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional performances, dedication, and determination of the members of Halau Na Lei Kaumaka O Uka and Halau Kekuaokala`au`ala`iliahi 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 Halau Na Lei Kaumaka O Uka and Halau Kekuaokala`au`ala`iliahi for their outstanding achievements at the 41st Annual Queen Lili`uokalani Keiki Hula Competition; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Kumu Hula Napua Greig Nakasone of Halau Na Lei Kaumaka O Uka, and Na Kumu Hula `Iliahi and Haunani Paredes of Halau Kekuaokala`au`ala`iliahi.