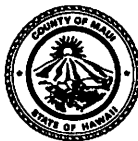


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The Honorable Alice L. Lee
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Dear Chair Lee:

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HUAMAKAHIKINA
DECLARATION** (PAF 21-288)

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "SUPPORTING THE HUAMAKAHIKINA DECLARATION AND THE EFFORTS TO PROTECT AND ADVANCE THE PRACTICE OF HULA, AND TO PREVENT ITS CONTINUED ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION AND APPROPRIATION," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez", is written over a horizontal line.

KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ
Council Vice Chair

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SUPPORTING THE HUAMAKAHIKINA DECLARATION AND THE
EFFORTS TO PROTECT AND ADVANCE THE PRACTICE OF HULA,
AND TO PREVENT ITS CONTINUED ECONOMIC
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WHEREAS, Huamakahikina is a coalition of Kumu Hula, open to all Kumu Hula and representing the breadth of Hula Lineages, standing together for the purpose of organizing and advocating on behalf of Kumu Hula and the practice of Hula itself; and

WHEREAS, Huamakahikina was first convened on August 17, 2020, to develop a proactive cultural approach to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Kumu Hula organized to bring the collective intellectual, spiritual, and physical practices of their Lineages together, in consultation with other cultural and medical practitioners, to establish the Lāhui Kānaka Declaration and related support systems; and

WHEREAS, through these efforts, Kumu Hula promoted, strengthened, and maintained mauli ola amongst themselves, their Haumāna, and their ‘ohana to minimize the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Kumu Hula further adapted Lāhui Kānaka support systems for use by the public, broadcasting across social media networks and reaching tens of thousands of viewers from around the world; and

WHEREAS, Huamakahikina persists and expands beyond its initial charge, in recognition of the unique kuleana that Kumu Hula have to the integrity, stewardship, and protection of Hula, Hula communities, and Kanaka Maoli culture; and

WHEREAS, Huamakahikina is now an inclusive forum for Kumu Hula to discuss and collaborate on issues relevant to Hula; and

WHEREAS, Huamakahikina exists and Hula thrives despite historical challenges; and

WHEREAS, Huamakahikina is a contemporary manifestation of Hula community and advocacy, where Kumu Hula come together around

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all issues regarding Hula, the well-being of ‘āina, and other Kanaka Maoli cultural activities in a manner and scale that is unprecedented; and

WHEREAS, on August 21-22, 2021, Huamakahikina assembled virtually at the Kupukalālā Kumu Hula Convention, bringing together 200 lineally acknowledged Kumu Hula from across the Pae‘āina o Hawai‘i; ten states of the United States of America; and the countries of Japan, New Zealand, French Polynesia, France, and Spain in order to discuss and ratify this Declaration to be a living expression of the views of the body thereby convened; and

WHEREAS, Huamakahikina unifies and amplifies the voices of Kumu Hula to address challenges, both old and new, that impact Kumu Hula and that threaten the integrity of Hula, including:

- Abuse, Misrepresentation, Cultural Misappropriation, and Exploitation;
- Widespread Ignorance of Hula’s Significance and Role;
- Insufficient Protection of Intellectual Property Rights;
- Lack of Recognition; and
- Lack of Access and Resourcing; and

WHEREAS, it is through pono and the kuleana of Kumu Hula that Huamakahikina proclaims the Huamakahikina Declaration on the Integrity, Stewardship, and Protection of Hula; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that existing laws and policies are inadequate for the protection and support of Hula, Huamakahikina calls upon policymakers to develop and implement policies and practices consistent with this Declaration, in full consultation with Kumu Hula; and

WHEREAS, Huamakahikina calls upon Hula practitioners, Hula communities worldwide, Kānaka Maoli, and all of Hawai‘i to embrace this Declaration and to support actions by Huamakahikina to protect and advance Hula; and

WHEREAS, Huamakahikina is determined to take action to uphold the integrity of Hula; to build strategic relationships and networks for the advancement of Hula, Kumu Hula, Huamakahikina; to organize and advocate for the pono stewardship and protection of Hula within public,

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professional, and commercial spheres; to support the intellectual property rights of Kumu Hula; to organize and advocate for access, recognition, public funding, facilities, and other resources in support of Hula; to cultivate Hula as a source of well-being; and to ensure that Hula flourishes for countless generations to come; now, therefore,

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

1. That it supports the Huamakahikina Declaration and efforts to protect and advance the practice of Hula, and commits to resourcing Hula to the fullest extent possible;
2. That it urges the Mayor to support the Huamakahikina Declaration and efforts to protect and advance the practice of Hula, and to commit to resourcing Hula to the fullest extent possible; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawai'i; Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui; Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Board of Trustees Chair, Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Dr. Sylvia M. Hussey, Chief Executive Officer, Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Jonathan Johnson, Executive Director, Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Dr. Hōkūlani Holt, Pā'ū o Hi'iaka; K. Holoaumoku Ralar, Nā Pua o Kapi'olani Hula Studio & Napili Kai Foundation; Cody Kapueola'ākeanui Pata, Ka Malama Mahilani; C. Henohea Kāne, Hālau Ke'alaokamaile; Kēhaulani Kaneholani-Santiago, Hālau Hula i Kona Mau Lima; Mehanaokalā Hind; Tatiana Kawehiokalani Tseu Fox, Hui 'Iwa Academy & Nā Lei o ka 'Iwa Ha'a i Ka Lani; Laua'e Yamasaki, Hālau Nā Maka o ka Laua'e; Lahela Spencer, Kaleiokaulupalai; Melody Mackenzie, Professor, William S. Richardson School of Law; Keoni Kuoha, Strategy Support Team Lead; U'ilani Tanigawa Lum, Strategy Support Team Member; and Makalika Nāholowa'a, Strategy Support Team Member.