



URGING THE COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL ENTITIES
TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE THE AHA MOKU SYSTEM
AS PART OF THE MANAGEMENT REGIME OF
NATURAL RESOURCES IN HAWAII

WHEREAS, the statewide Ho`olei `Ia Pae`aina Puwalu was held at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu on November 19 and 20, 2010, involving more than 200 native Hawaiian traditional practitioners, fishermen, farmers, ranchers, educators, municipal representatives, State representatives and the general public, and

WHEREAS, it was agreed that the `Aha Moku structure is a traditional, effective, and community-based way to manage natural resources in Hawai`i, and

WHEREAS the island caucuses at the Puwalu agreed that the Hawaii State Legislature should extend, amend and implement Act 212:

- That the `Aha Moku system be continued;
- That the recommendations from each island in the 2009 `Aha Kiole report to the Legislature be implemented;
- That new `Aha Kiole representatives be selected/elected by `Aha Moku councils that have been established on each of the mukupuni;
- That where Aha Moku councils have not yet been established, efforts be made to establish them as soon as possible;
- That Niihau a Kahelelani continue to be managed based on and exclusively under its konohiki system;
- That these Aha Moku councils be formally recognized;
- That the `Aha Kiole role be amended so as to include it being the conduit between the Aha Moku system and the State of Hawaii Legislature; and
- That the new `Aha Kiole report back to the Legislature on the status of the `Aha Moku system throughout the pae`aina at the end of 2011, and

WHEREAS the Puwalu participants also supported customary and traditional practices that have sustained the native Hawaiian population and culture, such as the cultural, non-commercial take of *honu* and fish from waters throughout the Hawaii Archipelago;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the participants of the Hawai`i Statewide Puwalu, in conference at the Hawai`i Convention Center on November 19 and 20, 2010, urge the county, state and federal entities to formally recognize the `Aha Moku system as part of the management regime of natural resources in Hawaii and the allowance of customary and traditional practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted in Hawaiian and English to all County Mayors, Governor of Hawaii, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Chair, House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs Chair, Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Chair, Secretary of Commerce, the Chair of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, and the US Ambassador to the United Nations.