



Senate Resolution

Resolution No: SR18-02
Resolution Title: Lā Kū'oko'a: Solely Flying the Campus Hawaiian Flag on Hawaiian Independence Day
In the Senate March 19th, 2018
For First Reading
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SENATE:

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu (ASUHW O) Senate is the elected body representing approximately 3,000 classified undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS, stated in the constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu “The purpose of this organization shall be to provide democratic representation for the students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu and to promote student participation in educational, cultural, social and community activities;” and

WHEREAS, 901 students identify as Native Hawaiian or Part Native Hawaiian which makes up the largest demographic at The University of Hawai'i –West O'ahu; and¹

WHEREAS, United States Public Law 103-150, informally known as the Apology Resolution, states “The Congress recognizes and commends efforts of reconciliation initiated by the State of Hawai'i.” and “expresses its commitment to acknowledge the ramifications of the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, in order to provide a proper foundation for reconciliation between the United States and the Native Hawaiian People;”²

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Hawai'i State Constitution states, “the State shall promote the study of Hawaiian culture, history and language;” and³

WHEREAS, UH System Mission statement states “...the University ensures active support for the participation of Native Hawaiians at the University and support vigorous programs of study and support for the Hawaiian language, history and culture;” and⁴

WHEREAS, under the Hawai'i Papa O Ke Ao in the University of Hawai'i Strategic Directions for 2015-2021, it states “the University embraces its unique responsibility to the indigenous people of Hawai'i [...] and support for the Hawaiian language, history, and culture;” and⁵

WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i –West O'ahu mission statement states “As a diverse and inclusive indigenous-serving institution, University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu embraces Native Hawaiian culture and traditions while simultaneously providing an environment where students of all ethnic backgrounds are valued, respected, and supported;” and⁶

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WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu vision statement states “University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu envisions a supportive and dynamic learning environment where all students, faculty, and staff embody Native Hawaiian values and perpetuate Native Hawaiian culture and in which the inclusion of all individuals is reflected in the institution's culture, practices, and relationships;” and⁶

WHEREAS, On November 28, 1843, at the Court of London, the British and French Governments entered into a formal agreement of the recognition of Hawaiian independence, with what is called the *Anglo-Franco Proclamation*; and⁷

WHEREAS, the *Anglo-Franco Proclamation* states “... Sandwich Islands is of a government capable of providing for the regularity of its relations with foreign nations have thought it right to engage reciprocally to consider the Sandwich Islands as an independent state, and never to take possession, either directly or under the title of a protectorate, or under any other form, of any part of the territory of which they are composed [...]” and⁸

WHEREAS, Lā Kū'oko'a (Hawaiian Independence Day) was no longer celebrated as a ramification of the illegal overthrow of Hawai'i since 1893;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu does not support the oppression or acts of oppression of any indigenous culture, including the indigenous culture of Hawai'i, Native Hawaiians; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu will enact this resolution in support of all indigenous cultures by strengthening cultural identity and encouraging indigenous practices at the University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu; and

BE IT RESOLVED the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu acknowledges the United States Public Law 103-150 as a justification for the University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu to uphold the commitment of providing the proper foundation for reconciliation between the United States and the Native Hawaiian people, including students; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chancellors Office of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu will commit to coordinate or delegate an event every year in honor of this indigenous holiday, such as but not limited to; a student forum, workshop, education briefing, or protocol; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu supports the Native Hawaiian Flag being the only flag raised and flown when the campus is open, from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm on the 28th of November of this year and every year forward from the date of passing this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be sent to: Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Hawai'i State Legislature, University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu Chancellor Maenette Benham; University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu Vice Chancellor of Administration Kevin Ishida; University of Hawai'i -West O'ahu Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Judy Oliveira, University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Jeffrey Moniz, The Faculty Senate, The Hoot, the student body, the University of Hawai'i System Student Caucus and all campus Student Governments within the state of Hawai'i.

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ROLL CALL

Yeas(s): Treasurer Magdato, Secretary Nguyen, Senators Millerd, Pagaduan [4]

Nay(s): [0]

Abstain(s): [0]

¹<http://www.uhwo.hawaii.edu/default/assets/File/oie/UHWO%20Quick%20Facts%202016.pdf>

²<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/STATUTE-107/pdf/STATUTE-107-Pg1510.pdf>

³<http://lrbhawaii.org/con/conart10.html>

⁴http://uhcc.hawaii.edu/OVPCC/strategic_planning/mission.php

⁵<http://blog.hawaii.edu/strategicdirections/files/2015/01/StrategicDirectionsFINAL-013015.pdf>

⁶<http://www.uhwo.hawaii.edu/about-us/>

⁷http://hawaiiankingdom.org/img/1843_UK_Archives1.jpg

⁸http://hawaiiankingdom.org/img/1843_UK_Archives2.jpg