

1 WHEREAS, fishing is a primary source of food and the Niihau Hawaiians, through generational
2 knowledge and resource methodology, have been able to protect their ecosystem and sustain
3 their needs resulting in a fruitful and sustainable yield enough to feed their village; and,
4

5 WHEREAS, the people of Ni'ihau in the past, and up to the present continue to be under duress
6 from outsiders who see the richness of their resources and are consistently plundering the near
7 shore and shoreline marine resources for commercial purposes; and,
8

9 WHEREAS, in the recent months, outsiders have become even more bold and have raided the
10 island of opihi and fish to the extent that oftentimes the people go hungry; and
11

12 WHEREAS, previously, the people of Niihau have depended on the knowledge that their
13 resources were protected through the intent of the original deed rendered by King Kamehameha
14 in 1864 to include all of the customary and traditional rights, including the sole ownership of the
15 near shore fishing rights that normally went with the land; and,
16

17 WHEREAS, the urgency of the plight of the Niihau people came to light through the Aha Moku
18 Advisory Council on October 18, 2013 when the latest report of ten commercial fishing boats
19 were seen within the near-shore waters of Niihau taking as much opihi as they could gather; and,
20

21 WHEREAS, now the only option for protection of their unique lifestyle is to depend on policy-
22 makers to re-examine and change the existing laws making it possible to protect their only
23 source of food.
24

25 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its
26 54TH annual convention at Kalapaki Beach, Kaua'i, Hawai'i this 16th day of November 2013, that
27 it urge the Hawaii State Legislature to impose measures of protection necessary for the natural
28 and cultural resources of Ni'ihau; and,
29

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that protective measures be initiated by the Hawaii state
31 government policy-makers to include, but not limit to, the following: 1) that a three-mile
32 boundary for subsistence fishing and gathering, limited to only residents of Niihau, be
33 established around the island; and,
34

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be given to the Governor
36 of Hawaii, State Senate President, State Speaker of the House, State Senate Committee on
37 Hawaiian Affairs, State House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Office of Hawaiian Affairs
38 Chair of the Board of Trustees, and all County Mayors.
39

40 INTRODUCED BY: Princess Ka'iulani Hawaiian Civic Club
41

42 INTRODUCER'S CONTACT: Leimana3@gmail.com, Phone: 808-372-9638
43

44 AUTHOR(S): Leimana DaMate
45

46 AUTHORS' CONTACT: Leimana3@gmail.com, Phone: 808-372-9638

1
2
3
4
5

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT DONE BY RESOLUTION CMTE.]

ACTION: _____

- 1. Governor of Hawaii State
- 2. Senate President
- 3. State Speaker of the House
- 4. State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
- 5. State House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
- 6. Office of Hawaiian Affairs
- 7. All County Mayors
- 8. Chair of the Board of Trustees

- 1. Governor of Hawaii State
- 2. Senate President
- 3. State Speaker of the House
- 4. State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
- 5. State House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
- 6. Office of Hawaiian Affairs
- 7. All County Mayors
- 8. Chair of the Board of Trustees

Note for honorary resolutions, please include a contact phone number and/or email of the honored individual or his/her representing family member. (Do not list these individuals below)

Name, Title	Street Address	City, State	Zip Code	FEE\$
1 Governor Neil Abernethy	Hawaii State Capitol	Honolulu, Hawaii	96813	Free
2 Senate President	415 South Beretania, Room 409	Honolulu, Hawaii	96813	Free
3 State Speaker of the House	415 South Beretania, Room 431	Honolulu, Hawaii	96813	Free
4 State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs	415 South Beretania, Room 322	Honolulu, Hawaii	96813	Free
5 State House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs	415 South Beretania, Room 418	Honolulu, Hawaii	96813	Free
6 Office of Hawaiian Affairs Chair, BOT	711 Kapiolani Blvd. Ste. 1200	Honolulu, Hawaii	96813	Free
7				
8				