

Non-Kanaka Maoli Ally Statement of Solidarity

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From: Non-Hawaiian members of the "Kanakamaoli allies" Hawaiian sovereignty discussion list, and non-Hawaiian supporters of sovereignty. The KMA internet list is made up of approximately 200 Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian supporters and advocates of Hawaiian sovereignty and self-determination.

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Re: Reconciliation Hearings

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We, non-Kanaka Maoli (non-Hawaiian) allies of the Hawaiian peoples and subjects, acknowledge their presence in these islands since time immemorial;

We recognize the illegality of the overthrow of the independent Kingdom of Hawai'i in 1893, and the suppression of the inherent sovereignty of Hawaiian subjects of the Kingdom;

We recognize the illegality of the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands in 1898, and the fact that virtually ALL Hawaiians and many non-Hawaiians had U.S. citizenship forced upon them;

We acknowledge the Apology Law of 1993 which states that the overthrow resulted in the "deprivation of the rights of Native Hawaiians to self-determination";

We recognize that these hearings are inherently flawed because a true process of self-determination cannot be carried out under U.S. domestic law, but rather must offer the full range of options, including free association and independence, as prescribed under international law;

We want to say from our experiences and involvement in the Hawaiian sovereignty movement that it is one INCLUSIVE of the non-Hawaiian population residing here;

We stand prepared to support the Hawaiian peoples and subjects in whatever model of sovereignty or form of self-government they determine to be best for the future of these islands under a true process of self-determination. We strongly urge you to undertake the necessary steps to initiate this process at the appropriate level. Mahalo. (rev. 12/16/99)
