

# ***ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS***

## ***A RESOLUTION***

### **ASSIST THE MAINLAND COUNCIL IN IDENTIFYING AND CONTACTING QUALIFIED AND INTERESTED NATIVE HAWAIIAN WOMEN FOR POTENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT**

WHEREAS, in preparation for the presidential administration beginning in January 2005, the National Women's Political Caucus has convened the 2005 Women's Appointment project to identify qualified women for consideration for Presidential Appointment to post at all levels and in each agency of the 2005 administration;

WHEREAS, the 2005 Women's Appointment Project (WAP), having been in existence since the presidential election of 1976, is a bipartisan effort;

WHEREAS, the objectives of the 2005 WAP are to help women gain equal access and consideration in the recruitment and placement process for presidential appointments, establish a talent bank of women qualified for senior-level government positions, educate women about the appointment process, increase the number of women in the government's decision-making positions and dispel the myth that there are not enough qualified women for the jobs;

WHEREAS, WAP is funded by a grant from the Barbara Lee Foundation, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts was established in 1999. It was founded by Barbara Lee to strategically advance two of her longstanding passions – women in politics and the contemporary arts. As the sponsoring partner and President of the Barbara Lee Family Foundation, Barbara Lee continues her longtime commitment to advancing women's political and leadership participation;

WHEREAS, initial nominations are due to the WAP by December 31, 2004. A complete list of the nominees will be sent to the Presidential Transition Team in March 2005;

WHEREAS, several national, state and local entities are participating in this process to identify candidates for appointment to include, the League of Women Voters, MANA – A National Latina Organization, the NAACP, the Jewish Women International, the National Organization for Women, Planned Parenthood Federation of America and the YWCA of the United States of America;

WHEREAS, there are qualified Native Hawaiian women in our community of the greatest ability and highest ethical and professional integrity to serve in policymaking and key administrative positions. There has historically been a lack of representation of Native Hawaiian women in the presidential appointment process. Identifying said Native Hawaiian women would move these individuals from unrepresented to appointment candidates for full consideration;

WHEREAS, Ke Ali'i Maka'ainana Hawaiian Civic Club recognizes that participation in the WAP nomination process is an opportunity for Native Hawaiians to influence the appointment of leadership positions in areas of justice, education, economics and commerce, health and human services, defense and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Ke Ali'i Maka'ainana Hawaiian Civic Club is working to identify qualified Native Hawaiian women who are willing to serve in the District of Columbia for a term of at least two years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention on Maui, Hawai'i, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2004, that the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs call upon its members to assist the Mainland Council in identifying and contacting qualified and interested Native Hawaiian women for potential presidential appointment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in its efforts to begin a list immediately for 2005, that the names and contact information of candidates should be forwarded to the President of the Mainland Council no later than December 15, 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawai'i

Women's Legislative Caucus, Native Hawaii Chamber of Commerce,  
Native Hawaiian Bar Association, Council Native Hawaiian Advancement  
and the National Women's Political Caucus.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly  
adopted on November 13, 2004, at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the  
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs on Maui, Hawai'i.

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Charles Rose, President AOHCC