
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE USE OF THE NAME "PAPAHĀNAUMOKUĀKEA MARINE
NATIONAL MONUMENT".

1 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush by Proclamation 8031 of
2 June 15, 2006, established the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands
3 Marine National Monument; and
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5 WHEREAS, the President in his proclamation described the
6 diverse ecosystem of the approximately one thousand two hundred
7 nautical-mile stretch of coral islands, seamounts, banks, and
8 shoals that he wished to protect; and
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10 WHEREAS, the proclamation also described the area's great
11 cultural significance to native Hawaiians and its connection to
12 early Polynesian culture; and
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14 WHEREAS, the President stated that officials would consult
15 with native Hawaiians to give the monument a native Hawaiian
16 name; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Native Hawaiian
19 Cultural Working Group (cultural working group) consists of
20 members with extensive involvement in those islands and includes
21 cultural practitioners, community activists, academic scholars,
22 teachers, and resource managers; and
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24 WHEREAS, the cultural working group requested two
25 distinguished kūpuna, specifically, Uncle Buzzy Agard and Auntie
26 Pua Kanahale, to suggest names for the Monument; and
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28 WHEREAS, Uncle Buzzy and Auntie Pua offered names, as did
29 native Hawaiian representatives from the Kamakakūokalani, the
30 University of Hawaii Center for Hawaiian Studies, and the United
31 States Department of the Interior's Office of Hawaiian
32 Relations; and



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2 WHEREAS, at Washington Place in Honolulu on March 2, 2007,
3 First Lady Laura Bush, following a collaborative effort among
4 federal agencies, state agencies including the Department of
5 Land and Natural Resources, the Kahoolawe Island Reserve
6 Commission, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the Cultural
7 Working Group, announced the monument's Hawaiian name,
8 Papahānaumokuākea, and on that day President Bush amended his
9 Proclamation 8031 to change the title of the monument to
10 Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument; and
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12 WHEREAS, the name Papahānaumokuākea is filled with meaning
13 and tradition, including reference to the genealogy and
14 formation of the Hawaiian archipelago, all of which strengthens
15 Hawaii's cultural foundation within significant elements of our
16 past through native Hawaiian ancestors, and expresses our hopes
17 for Papahānaumokuākea to provide spiritual inspiration and
18 perpetuation of our natural and cultural resources; and
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20 WHEREAS, the naming process and the giving of a Hawaiian
21 name is an important and sacred component of traditional
22 Hawaiian culture; and
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24 WHEREAS, article XV, section 4 of the Hawaii State
25 Constitution makes English and Hawaiian the official languages
26 of Hawaii; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that residents,
31 government agencies, and private organizations of the United
32 States and Hawaii are encouraged to refer to the monument by its
33 official new name, the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National
34 Monument; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
38 United States, the First Lady of the United States, the
39 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
40 States House of Representatives, the Governor, the President of
41 the Senate of the State of Hawaii, the Speaker of the House of
42 Representatives of the State of Hawaii, the Mayor of the City
43 and County of Honolulu, the Mayor of the County of Kauai, the



1 Mayor of the County of Maui, the Mayor of the County of Hawaii,
2 and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of
3 Hawaiian Affairs.
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OFFERED BY:

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BY REQUEST

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