
HOUSE 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 Aunt
26 Pua Kanahale, to suggest names for the Monument; and
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28 WHEREAS, Uncle Buzzy and Aunt 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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34 WHEREAS, at Washington Place in Honolulu on March 2, 2007,
35 First Lady Laura Bush, following a collaborative effort among



1 federal agencies, state agencies including the Department of
2 Land and Natural Resources, the Kahoolawe Island Reserve
3 Commission, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the Cultural
4 Working Group, announced the monument's Hawaiian name,
5 Papahānaumokuākea, and on that day President Bush amended his
6 Proclamation 8031 to change the title of the monument to
7 Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument; and

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9 WHEREAS, the name Papahānaumokuākea is filled with meaning
10 and tradition, including reference to the genealogy and
11 formation of the Hawaiian archipelago, all of which strengthens
12 Hawaii's cultural foundation within significant elements of our
13 past through native Hawaiian ancestors, and expresses our hopes
14 for Papahānaumokuākea to provide spiritual inspiration and
15 perpetuation of our natural and cultural resources; and

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17 WHEREAS, the naming process and the giving of a Hawaiian
18 name is an important and sacred component of traditional
19 Hawaiian culture; and

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21 WHEREAS, article XV, section 4 of the Hawaii State
22 Constitution makes English and Hawaiian the official languages
23 of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2007, that residents, government agencies, and
28 private organizations of the United States and Hawaii are
29 encouraged to refer to the monument by its official new name,
30 the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
34 the First Lady of the United States, the President of the United
35 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
36 Representatives, the Governor, the President of the Senate of
37 the State of Hawaii, the Speaker of the House of Representatives
38 of the State of Hawaii, the Mayor of the City and County of



1 Honolulu, the Mayor of the County of Kauai, the Mayor of the
2 County of Maui, the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, and the
3 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
4 Affairs.
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