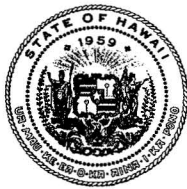


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HCR 373, Expressing Gratitude to the Residents of Kalaupapa and Their Families for the Sacrifices They Made Living In isolation On the Island of Molokai and for Being Separated From Society

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
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March 28, 2008, 9:30 a.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports this resolution that recognizes the
2 residents of Kalaupapa and their families for the sacrifices they made by being isolated from society
3 provided that it is not the intent of this resolution to be used by the people of Kalaupapa or their families
4 as a vehicle to sue the State for compensation or reparations.

5 **Fiscal Implications:** None

6 **Purpose and Justification:** There is no doubt that the residents of Kalaupapa and their families made
7 great sacrifices to protect the public's health. Recognizing and expressing our gratitude for their
8 sacrifices honors Kalaupapa resident Paul Harada who first proposed this as well as all those who have
9 given so much.

10 Thank you for this opportunity to testify.