

March 7, 2008

TO: Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Joey Manahan, Vice Chair
House Committee on Tourism and Culture

FROM: Sharon Lum Ho

RE: **SUPPORT** for **SB 2498** Relating to Makahiki Day Commemoration

A bill designating November 20 as Makahiki Day is very important because it raises public awareness of the contributions of the Polynesian people who have populated the archipelago of Hawai'i for centuries. Makahiki season represents a time of peace, unity and abundance. Therefore, it is appropriate for the State to set aside this day as not only a day in recognition of Hawai'i's native roots but as a day to observe global peace and unity.

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FROM: Libby Kimball

RE: **SUPPORT** for **SB 2498** Relating to Makahiki Day Commemoration

I support SB 2498 because as a Hawaiian, Makahiki is a time of great personal significance. It was a time of replanting, a time to stop all conflicts, and a time of spiritual observance. Although, Makahiki occurred over months, designating November 20th as Makahiki day is appropriate because it symbolizes in one day all of the values that we as Hawaiian people hold dear to our hearts. The Makahiki values of peace, love, unity, and working in harmony to create a bountiful harvest transcends us all. Mahalo for your consideration.

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FROM: Viola Ahlo

RE: **SUPPORT** for **SB 2498** Relating to Makahiki Day Commemoration

Makahiki symbolizes a time of peace in the Pacific. Besides being a festival, it was a time of prayer in thanks for food that kept people alive, a time to set aside conflicts and a time to live in harmony. Setting aside November 20th as a day to commemorate peace in the Pacific is a statement of your belief and recognition in pacific ideas and concepts that contribute to the changing identity of what it means to be a United States citizen living in the middle of the Pacific Ocean among Polynesians.

Viola Ahlo

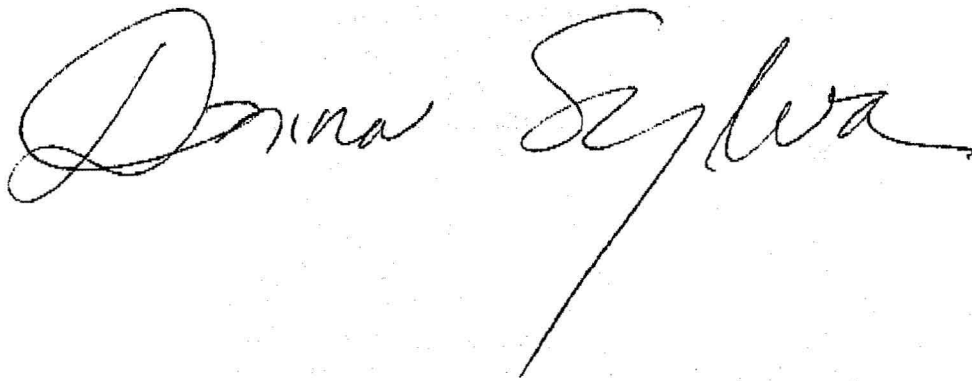
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FROM: Donna Sylva

RE: **SUPPORT** for **SB 2498** Relating to Makahiki Day Commemoration

As a Hawaiian Taxpayer, I pay to recognize many diverse cultural holidays. As more and more Hawaiians die, and there are less of us to speak up for our beliefs, those who can must at least try to stand up for our deep ancestral roots and beliefs and let our voices echo through our ancestral past and forward throughout the land. Therefore, we pay to recognize the contributions of those who have come to our shores to have a better life through the many holidays we celebrate. So, it is fitting that we set aside November 20 as a day to commemorate Makahiki season to recognize the contributions of the people of the Pacific, other Polynesian groups already do so by gathering in Tahiti.

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FROM: Sarah Kaopuiki

RE: **SUPPORT** for **SB 2498** Relating to Makahiki Day Commemoration

I strongly support the passage of SB 2498 Relating to Makahiki Day Commemoration. As this bill does not require funding or mandate a State holiday, it is a unique opportunity for the Hawaii State Legislature to demonstrate its dedication to the culture of the people of Hawaii in a positive and non obtrusive way. This bill establishes the importance of the Makahiki without dictating the nature in which it should be celebrated. Therefore, we should support this bill and similar endeavors, which begin to effectively engage Hawaii's residents without trespassing on the beliefs of those for whom this is an important aspect of life and culture.

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FROM: Jennifer Carrell

RE: **SUPPORT** for **SB 2498** Relating to Makahiki Day Commemoration

I support the intent of SB 2498 Relating to Makahiki Day Commemoration; however, I would like to offer the suggestion that the bill be amended to designate Makahiki Day a State Holiday as an expression of the importance of the Polynesian culture and its contributions to the State of Hawaii.