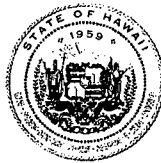


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April 14, 2009

GM560

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Nomination to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission GM560

Dear Senator Hee and Members of the Senate Committee on Water Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs,

It is an honor to have been nominated to serve on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. As you know I have served on the Commission in the past, first on behalf of the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana and then as a representative of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. If approved, I look forward to serving in that capacity again.

In response to your request for additional information, you will find attached the resume I submitted to the Governor, and the answers to the questions you posed within the body of this letter. The questions are highlighted in bold print, followed by my responses which are italicized.

(a) Please explain what you feel is your most important contribution to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission?

I bring a deep love and aloha for all of the makua and kupuna, especially those from Moloka'i who gave so much of themselves, and for George Helm and Kimo Mitchell who sacrificed their lives so that military abuse would stop and Kanaloa Kaho'olawe could heal. I bring a dedication to honor their sacrifices and contributions and assure that the island will be protected and restored as they envisioned. I am committed to protecting the island from commercial activities, as prescribed under HRS Chapter 6K, and understand and respect the exemption made for the fishing community under the formative legislation.

In my role as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs representative on the Commission, I bring the good will of the trustees to work in partnerships for the healing of Kaho'olawe.

(b) What unique qualifications do you have that has made a defining difference as a member of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission?

I served on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission in its first 8 formative years and bring an invaluable institutional knowledge of all of the negotiated agreements between the U.S. Navy and the State of Hawaii'i, especially regarding the continuing responsibility of the U.S. Navy to clear the island of ordnance. I also bring knowledge of the fiscal and administrative history of the Commission and its staff.

(c) What action have you taken as a Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission member that best describes your philosophical view?

The adoption of the vision statement in my tenure as a commissioner which is:

The kino of Kanaloa is restored. Forests and shrublands of native plants and other biota clothe its slopes and valleys. Pristine ocean waters and healthy reef ecosystems are the foundation that supports and surrounds the island.

Na po'e Hawai'i care for the land in a manner which recognizes the island and the ocean of Kanaloa as a living spiritual entity. Kanaloa is a pu'uhonua and wahi pana where Native Hawaiian cultural practices flourish.

The piko of Kanaloa is the crossroads of past and future generations from which the Native Hawaiian lifestyle spreads throughout the islands.

Developed and Adopted in 1995 by the State of Hawai'i Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

(d) Please explain the single most important action the government can take to improve our vision as a member of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission?

The single most important action the government can take to improve its vision and a member of the KIRC is to provide financial partnership as the federal trust funds phase out.

(e) Please explain what you believe to be the single biggest task that the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission must take action on?

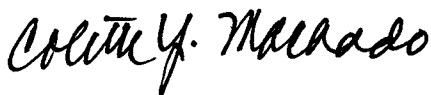
The Commission must secure the funds necessary to manage and restore the cultural and natural resources of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve in partnership with state, county and federal entities, private funders and the community, especially the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana.

(f) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interest, but if such a situation arose I would recuse myself from relevant decision-making.

I look forward to the confirmation hearing and if approved, a continuation in providing substantive and constructive input to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission on behalf of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and our beneficiaries. Please feel free to contact me at 594-1837 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Trustee Colette Y. Machado
Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Attachments:

1. Colette Y. Machado - Resume
2. 2005 KIRC Resolution Recognizing Colette Y. Machado

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF
COLETTE YVETTE PI'IP'I MACHADO
IN THE REBIRTH AND RESTORATION OF
KAHO'OLAWE AS A SACRED AND NATIONAL TREASURE

WHEREAS, the term of Colette Yvette Pi'ipi'i Machado on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) expires on June 30, 2005, after she has been the longest standing member of the KIRC, serving continuously since 1994, first on behalf of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana and then as a representative of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, as a KIRC commissioner, Colette Machado has given unconditionally, and beyond the call of what is usually expected, of her time, experience and resources to the people of the State of Hawaii, and in particular to the Native Hawaiian community, to preserve and protect the cultural significance of Kaho'olawe o Kanaloa for those who have passed on before us, for the people of today, and the generations yet to come; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Machado, a descendant of the Pahapu line of warriors loyal to High Chief Kahekili of Maui, exemplifies their unwavering strength in the face of adversity and passionate dedication to the 'aina of Maui nui; and

WHEREAS, Colette Machado, carries the "lama kukui" spirit of the Moloka'i kupuna who trained her as an 'opi'o to stand up for what is true, and passes on that light to na keiki o ka aina of today and generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Machado's involvement with the protection and restoration of Kaho'olawe began over 25 years ago with her involvement with the founding group, Hui Ala Loa on Moloka'i, and continued with the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, and the KIRC; and

WHEREAS, Colette Machado was instrumental in the negotiation and implementation of a court-ordered Consent Decree that was signed by the U.S. Navy and the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana in 1980 under which the U.S. Navy suspended bombing for 10 days of each month to allow 'Ohana access, clear surface ordnance, begin soil conservation and reforestation, eradicate the goats, and otherwise limit ordnance delivery training to one-third of the island; and

WHEREAS, Colette Machado was integral to the organization and conduct of regular 'Ohana access, from the setting up of camp and running of the kitchen, to the formulation of safety rules and cultural protocols; and

WHEREAS, throughout her service on the KIRC, Commissioner Machado has sustained a strategic vision for Kaho'olawe rooted in the ancestral knowledge of the island as a kino lau of Kanaloa and spiritual center for the training of navigators; recognizing the role of the movement to "Stop the Bombing" in the Hawaiian cultural renaissance; and projecting the future of Kanaloa as part of the land base for the sovereign Native Hawaiian entity; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Machado, as a true child of Moloka'i Nui A Hina, brought the clarity of a grassroots Native Hawaiian perspective to engage with the complex issues of negotiating the transfer of Kaho'olawe from the U.S. Navy to the State of Hawai'i, conducting the massive ordnance clean up, and establishing the management of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Machado has continued to acknowledge the essential role played by grassroots Native Hawaiians in stopping the bombing of Kaho'olawe and returning the island to the people of Hawai'i and organized a special gathering in October 2005 to honor those "early warriors"; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Machado has encouraged the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana to continue to exercise its stewardship responsibilities for Kaho'olawe in coordination with the KIRC and through a Letter of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Machado was the "makani" beneath the Chairperson's, Commissioners' and staffs' wings for the seven years she served as Vice-Chairperson, helping to oversee the design of strategic plans for the protection and restoration of the natural and cultural resources of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve and the development of the KIRC's budget, personnel, infrastructure, and overall organization; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Machado personally mentored the KIRC executive staff, drawing upon her experience in serving on the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission, Department of Hawaiian Homeland Commission; and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Machado's many years of experience in the community and within the halls of power and authority were often put to the test, she succeeded in expertly representing the KIRC and the interests of Native Hawaiian people in lands far from home, paying respect to the powerful and charming the modest; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Machado played a major role in projecting Kaho'olawe into the national conscience as a national treasure of extraordinary cultural and spiritual significance for Native Hawaiians, by supporting KIRC sponsorship of the exhibit, "Kaho'olawe: Rebirth of a Sacred Hawaiian Island" at the Smithsonian National Museum; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Machado has been a staunch Hawaiian warrior who has fought so diligently to never waiver from her commitment to maintaining cultural integrity in all of the KIRC's efforts;

WHEREAS, part of Colette Machado's legacy with the Commission will be the dissemination of the Kaho`olawe curriculum in all the schools of Hawai`i, public and private, from kindergarten through 12th Grade; and

WHEREAS, Colette Machado's legacy also includes the creation of public educational material about the importance of Kaho'olawe through newsletters, videos, dvd's, and the KIRC web site; and

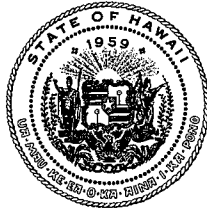
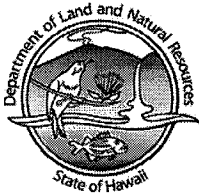
WHEREAS, Colette Machado's true legacy for Kaho'olawe will continue to unfold as her contributions to the KIRC over the last decade will bear fruit and achieve their intended outcome;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission gathered in its meeting on Tuesday June 21, 2005 in Wailuku Maui recognizes that the leadership of Colette Yvette Pi'ipi'i Machado has contributed significantly to the restoration of Kaho'olawe as a rich, cultural and environmental resource for all Hawai'i's people; but especially as a model of Native Hawaiian stewardship, management and governance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioners and staff extend their heartfelt aloha nui loa and mahalo nui loa to Colette Yvette Pi'ipi'i Machado; wish her the best in all of her future endeavors; and invite her continuing connection with the KIRC and with the contribution of her experience and her expert and incisive mana'o.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's congressional delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, members of the Protect Kaho`olawe 'Ohana, the Mayor of the County of Maui, Maui County Council members, the Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Myron Akutagawa, members of the Haliniak `Ohana, the Land Use Commission, and the Department of Hawaiian Homelands

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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2009
2:45 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 560 - SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, COLETTE Y. P. MACHADO,
KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is pleased to strongly support Governor's Message (GM) 560 on the nomination of Colette Y. P. Machado to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) for a for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Ms. Machado is presently a trustee with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), elected to represent the Islands of Molokai and Lanai. If confirmed by the Senate, Ms. Machado would serve as OHA's designee to KIRC.

Among the other positions she has held, Ms. Machado was a former member of the State Land Use Commission (1975-1979) and a former member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (1979-1981). She has also served on such diverse boards as the Molokai Island Multi-Service Board of Alu Like, the Molokai Health Foundation Board of Directors, the Molokai Chamber of Commerce, the Molokai Island Burial Council, Imi Hale – Papa Ola Lokahi Native Hawaiian Health Care Board, the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture Advisory Board, and the Molokai Enterprise Community Governance Board. And as recently, she was a member of the temporary Hawaii Interisland Ferry Oversight Task Force.

Ms. Machado's involvement with the preservation of Kaho'olawe goes far back. She has been a member of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana since 1980, and serving as the Board of Director and Treasurer for the Protect Kaho'olawe Fund. Of equal significance, Ms. Machado served as both a member and Chair of KIRC, from January 1994 to June 2005. Without question, Ms. Machado possesses the knowledge, experience, and qualifications to return to KIRC.

The Department strongly supports GM 560 on the nomination of Colette Y. P. Machado to KIRC.

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**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KAHO'OLAWE
ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION (KIRC), GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, COLETTE
Y.P. MACHADO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2013**

Date: April 15, 2009
Room: 229

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Aloha Chairman Hee, Vice-Chair Tokuda and members on the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs **strongly supports** the confirmation of Ms. Colette Y.P. Machado to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). Ms. Machado's appointment is for one of the seats assigned to a Trustee or representative from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 6K-5(a)(3).

Ms. Machado is a life-long resident of Moloka'i and a strident activist and supporter of efforts by Hui Alaloa and the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana. Her passion and commitment to uphold cultural rights, access, and protection of Kaho'olawe are unparalleled.

Further, Ms. Machado has served on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission in several capacities; first as a representative of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana from 1994 to 1996 and then as a Trustee representative from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from its inception in 1997 to 2004. She also served as Chairperson for the Commission from 2002-2003. Given such time with the Commission, has a strong institutional knowledge and awareness of the history of the Commission, the U.S. Navy cleanup of the island, and the actions of the Commission to restore the island and its surrounding waters.

At the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Ms. Machado been a trustee since 1996 and is currently the chair of the Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee. In this capacity, Trustee Machado is thorough familiar of the multitude of issues and opportunities facing Native Hawaiian organizations. Subsequently she will be a tremendous asset to the Commission as it faces the future and looks not only to continue its management of the Reserve, but also it will need to prepare for the future transition of the Reserve to the sovereign Native Hawaiian entity as provided for in HRS Chapter 6K.

In sum, Ms. Machado is uniquely qualified to serve as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs's representative on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. Her confirmation will allow for the continuity of important cultural values and guiding principles to assist the Commission in the years to come. We, therefore, respectfully request your support and affirmative action on GM560.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Aloha Senator Hee, Chairman, Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs.

We strongly support the appointment of Collette Machado to the Kaho'olawe Reserve Commission. Her vast experiance with KIRK and the history of the Kaho'olawe struggle will allow her to continue to provide needed experiance in the restoration of Kanaloa. Imua with her confirmation. Mahalo for the oppportunity to provide testimony in support.

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