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TESTIMONY OF LEIMOMI KHAN, PRESIDENT  
IN SUPPORT OF

**HCR 103 and HR 54, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AND URGING PARTICIPATION  
IN THE 6<sup>TH</sup> HEALING OUR SPIRIT WORLDWIDE GATHERING  
WITH AMENDMENT**

**COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Representative Mele Carroll, Chair  
Representative Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair**

**Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 329**

Aloha Chairperson Carroll, Vice Chairperson Shimabukuro, and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HCR 103 and HR 54, Expressing Support for and Urging Participation in the 6<sup>th</sup> Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering.

Papa Ola Lokahi is hosting this year's 6<sup>th</sup> Healing our Spirit Worldwide Gathering in Hawaii, which is expected to attract at least 4,000 participants from around the world. It is a rare opportunity to have this honor that brings indigenous peoples from all over the world to our home, a Hawaiian culture rich with healing methods, such as Hawaiian medicinal plants, lomi lomi, the natural healing powers of the sun and sea, ho'oponopono, special diets, etc. We fully support their efforts and wish to encourage national and state agencies to support and promote the "Gathering". To these ends, we recommend the following amendments to the resolution:

7<sup>th</sup> Whereas – Delete in its entirety. While the AHCC is committed to fully supporting the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering, there are many other organizations who have volunteered their support. Thus, we believe it better that we not be singled out.

8<sup>th</sup> Whereas, change to read: "Whereas, indigenous peoples from around the world will be attending the 6<sup>th</sup> Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering;"

9<sup>th</sup> Whereas, added, "Whereas, the Hawaiian culture is rich in healing methods, such as Hawaiian medicinal plants, lomi lomi, ho'oponopono, and the natural healing powers of the sun and sea;"

10<sup>th</sup> Whereas added, "Whereas, the 6<sup>th</sup> Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering provides an opportunity for Hawaii to share its rich Hawaiian and diverse culture;"

Second Be It Resolved clause concerning distribution of this resolution, expand to include the following: "Hawaii State Department of Education, Department of Health, and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the University of Hawaii, John A Burns School of Medicine; the University of Hawaii Kamakakuokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies; the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and the US Office of Minority Health." It would be really nice, too, if a copy of the resolution was sent to every state Dept of Health, especially those with large indigenous populations.

We urge passage of resolution HCR 103 and HR 54 with these amendments.

#### **About the AHCC**

The Association is a growing national confederation of fifty-eight Hawaiian Civic Clubs, located throughout the State of Hawai'i and in the States of Alaska, California, Colorado, Illinois, Nevada, Utah, Virginia, Washington State, Tennessee, and Texas. It initiates and works to support actions that enhance the civic, economic, educational, health and social welfare of our communities, and in particular, the culture and welfare of the Native Hawaiian community.



needs to expressly thank the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Queen Liliu`okalani Children's Center, the Hawai'i Convention Center and many others for all their ongoing support.

With this resolution goes an invitation to all of Hawai'i's people who are interested to participate in this once in a lifetime event. We would ask them to visit the Gathering's website at [www.hosw.com](http://www.hosw.com) for more information. We also look forward to having members of Hawai'i's Legislature and state and county governments come and participate.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of HCR 103/HR54.



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TESTIMONY OF JOHN DE FRIES III, PRESIDENT  
IN SUPPORT OF

**HCR 103 and HR 54, Supporting Papa Ola Lokahi, the  
Native Hawaiian health board, to facilitate the  
6<sup>th</sup> Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
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Aloha Chair Carroll, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HCR 103 and HR 54, Supporting Papa Ola Lokahi to facilitate the 6<sup>th</sup> Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering Scheduled for September 3-10, 2010 at the Hawai'i Convention Center and other venues throughout the state.

Indigenous peoples from all over the world are invited once every four years to gather at a Healing Our Spirit Worldwide gathering, an indigenous cultural celebration focusing on common issues, wise practices, and successes in health, healing, and addictions within indigenous communities. This movement was founded almost 20 years ago, and since then, such gatherings have been hosted by First Nations people of Canada, the Aborigine of Australia, Maori of Aotearoa, and American Indians and Alaska Natives of the United States.

In 2006, Papa Ola Lokahi, the Native Hawaiian health board, was asked to facilitate participation of Kanaka Maoli, the indigenous peoples of Hawai'i, at the 5<sup>th</sup> Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering in Edmonton, Canada. More than 75 Kanaka Maoli participated at the 5<sup>th</sup> gathering, which provided the impetus for Kanaka Maoli to support and host the 6<sup>th</sup> gathering in Hawai'i.

We appreciate and acknowledge Papa Ola Lokahi for its successes on Native Hawaiian health issues and for its good work to facilitate the 6<sup>th</sup> Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering.

**Rep. Maile Shimabukuro**

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