
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE PAPAHANAU MOKUAKEA MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENT
PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, the legislature finds that President Barack Obama
2 issued Presidential Proclamation 9478 on August 26, 2016,
3 expanding the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument to
4 provide critical protections for more than seven thousand marine
5 species, including whales and sea turtles listed under the
6 Endangered Species Act and the longest-living marine species in
7 the world, black coral, which live longer than four thousand
8 five hundred years; and

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10 WHEREAS, as ocean acidification, warming, and other impacts
11 of climate change threaten marine ecosystems, expanding the
12 Monument will improve ocean resilience, help the region's
13 distinct physical and biological resources adapt, and create a
14 natural laboratory that will allow scientists to monitor and
15 explore the impacts of climate change on these fragile
16 ecosystems; and

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18 WHEREAS, the expanded Monument area contains resources of
19 great historical and cultural significance, including shipwrecks
20 and downed aircrafts from the Battle of Midway during World War
21 II, a battle that marked a major shift in the progress of the
22 war in favor of the Allies; and

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24 WHEREAS, the expanded area, including the archipelago and
25 its adjacent waters, is considered a sacred place for the Native
26 Hawaiian community, plays a significant role in Native Hawaiian
27 creation and settlement stories, and is used to practice
28 important activities like traditional long-distance voyaging and
29 wayfinding; and



1 WHEREAS, Proclamation 9478 directs federal agencies to work
2 together with the State to create a joint management plan by
3 August 25, 2019, to adopt regulations, as appropriate, that
4 address any further specific actions necessary for the proper
5 care and management of the Monument; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
9 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and
10 Natural Resources is urged to establish the Papahānaumokuākea
11 Marine National Monument program to be placed within the
12 Department's Division of Aquatic Resources to coordinate and
13 fulfill the State's role and responsibilities in co-managing the
14 Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is designated as
17 the lead agency of the State to co-manage the Monument in
18 accordance with Proclamation 8031 of June 15, 2006, and expanded
19 by Proclamation 9478 of August 25, 2016; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department should
22 collaborate with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in the
23 perpetuation of Hawaiian cultural resources within the Monument,
24 including the customary and traditional rights and practices of
25 Native Hawaiians exercised for subsistence, cultural, and
26 religious purposes under section 7 of article XII of the state
27 constitution; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the program should issue
30 permits as part of the co-trustee monument permit process;
31 provide advice and recommendations to the governor, the
32 Department, and other state departments and agencies on any
33 matter relating to the management of the Monument; and solicit
34 and accept grants, donations, and contributions; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department should charge
37 fees that are proportional to the nature and complexity of the
38 projects or services performed by the program, such as the
39 issuance of permits; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the




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1 Board of Land and Natural Resources and Chair of the Board of
2 Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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