
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE PAPA HANAUMOKUAKEA 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
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31 WHEREAS, Proclamation 9478 directs federal agencies to work
32 together with the State to create a joint management plan by



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



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



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