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**From the desk of the King**

**ROYAL RESOLUTION TO PERFORM**

**GOV 22-01: URGING THE REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF THE U.S. NAVY RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS**

WHEREAS, The Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility is made up of 20 massive pill-shaped fuel tanks and system of pipelines that use the force of gravity to deliver fuel to Pearl Harbor, 2.5 miles away; and each tank stands taller than the Hawai'i State Capitol building and is large enough to contain the Aloha Tower; and

WHEREAS, the tanks are aligned in two rows of 10 tanks connected by a system of upper and lower underground concrete tunnels and miles of pipelines; and

WHEREAS, the whole facility which is able to hold 250 million gallons of fuel, sits just 100 feet above a Southern O'ahu Basal groundwater Aquifer that is the primary source of drinking water which supplies 77% of O'ahu's total water; and

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_bilateral\\_treaties\\_signed\\_by\\_the\\_Kingdom\\_of\\_Hawaii](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_bilateral_treaties_signed_by_the_Kingdom_of_Hawaii)

Apology Bill. (U.S. Public Law 103-150 – 107 Stat. 1510) admits the invasion, overthrow, occupation, and annexation of 1893 violated diplomatic treaties, international law, Laws of Nations, and the United States Constitution. Under International law the World Court ruled the only appropriate remedy is restitution. That fact gives absolute right and power to restore independence. The U.S. Congress has no power, jurisdiction or authority to stop the restoration of the Kingdom. The United Nations Charter states: An autonomous independent sovereign nation-state contemplated under Article 1 of the Montevideo Convention on Rights and Duties of States requiring the state as a person of international law possessing the four qualifications of (a) a permanent population, (b) a defined territory, (c) government; and (d) capacity to enter into relations with the other states. The Kingdom of Hawai'i meets ALL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS - ALI'I NUI MŌ'I, KING EDMUND K. SILVA, JR.



WHEREAS, the tanks are corroding underground and there is no way for the U.S. Navy to properly monitor the corrosion that occurs between the cement tanks and the thin quarter-inch steel lining; and

WHEREAS, since 1943, the facility has recorded at least 73 fuel leaks from these tanks and connecting pipelines and infrastructure totaling at least 180,000 gallons and yet Red Hill has escaped major scrutiny until 2014, when an estimated 27,000 gallons of fuel leaked, since then groundwater and soil monitoring systems registered spikes in diesel and petroleum; and

WHEREAS, Over the 2021 Thanksgiving weekend, the Military received hundreds of complaints from military housing residents that their water smelled of fuel and their families and pets were falling ill; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health confirmed that the Navy's water system contained levels of gasoline and diesel range hydrocarbons 350 times higher than state standards for safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2021, over 1,600 gallons of fuel spilled from a burst pipeline in the facility's lower access tunnel and on November 20, 2021, 14,000 gallons of water and fuel leaked from a fire suppression line in a tunnel at the halfway point between the tanks and the Red Hill drinking water shaft; and

WHEREAS, the Navy's Red Hill water shaft, located a half-mile from the fuel tanks, is one of three water sources that feed into the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam system and is significantly contaminated with JP-5, or jet fuel; and

WHEREAS, the contamination impacts the entire JBPHH system, which is interconnected and serves 93,000 people in communities including the Aliamanu Military Reservation, the Pearl Harbor Peninsula, Ford Island, and Iroquois Point; and

WHEREAS, the presence of fuel-laced water in or near the Navy's wells also means that the drinking water of the region – 400,000 people from Moanalua to Hawai'i Kai – is also at risk as the Navy and the Honolulu Board of Water Supply pump their water from the same aquifer and there is no natural barrier stopping the Navy's contamination from migrating across the Halawa Valley to the civilian water source; and



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WHEREAS, during any given year, there is a 27% change of a leak of up to 30,000 gallons of fuel with a chronic risk of 5,800-gallon release per year; and

WHEREAS, other Navy hubs across the country have shuttered their own underground fuel facilities built in the same era as Red Hill; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Military has had a long history of poor stewardship of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources: from Kaho'olawe, Pōhakuloa, Makua and Kahuku, where repeatedly, the people of Hawai'i have been left to clean up after the military has ravaged the sacred lands, from unexploded ordnance and toxic waste to the loss of cultural and historic sites and endangered native species; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health inspected Red Hill for the time in 2020 which led to a \$325,000 fine for environmental violations; and

WHEREAS, On December 6, 2021, Governor David Ige ordered the Navy to suspend all operations at Red Hill, build a water treatment facility and provide a plan within 30 days for emptying the tanks; however, the Navy is fighting the order, a position that could lead to a prolonged legal battle; and

WHEREAS, The O'ahu County Democrats and the Democratic Party of Hawai'i have adopted two resolutions addressing the Facility's potential threat to O'ahu's drinking water supply:

- Resolution 18-11, adopted by the O'ahu County Democrats on May 5, 2018, Urging the United States Navy to retro fit its 20 jet fuel tanks or relocate them to a location away from the aquifer;
- Resolution GOV:2018-18, adopted by the Democratic Party of Hawai'i on May 27, 2018, Urging the Congressional Delegation to Actively Work to Ensure that the Military Protects Our Natural Resources; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT HRM Dr. Edmund K. Silva, Jr., and the Kingdom of Hawai'i, orders a complete emergency shut down and full third-party assessment of the Red Hill facility for the permanent removal of the U.S. Navy Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility underground storage tanks from their current location and their



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relocation or the establishment of other fuel storage facilities at an area where they would pose no threat to O`ahu's drinking water; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Navy is ordered to fully comply with the DOH Emergency Order (Docket No. 21-UST-EA-02) issued on December 6, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Hawai'i delegation to the United States Congress is urged in the strongest possible terms to employ their best efforts and their close relationships with the Biden Administration and with Congressional leadership to ensure that the Navy attaches the highest priority to removing the underground fuel storage tanks from the Red Hill area and placing them in a more environmentally benign location and to ensure that adequate funding is appropriated to make such relocation take place at the earliest practicable date; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the U.S. Navy, the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the members of Hawai'i's Congressional delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, the Director of the Hawai'i State Department of Health, the Manager and Chief Engineer of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the Hawai'i House of Representatives.

*E ho'omaluhia.*

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cc: Na Kupuna Council  
HRM Indigenous Supreme Court



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