



THE KINGDOM OF HAWAI'I

From the desk of the King

November 22, 2025

PROCLAMATION

HAWAIIAN SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, AND FUTURE

By the Grace of Almighty God, and in the sacred trust bestowed upon me as King and servant of the Hawaiian people, I address this proclamation to all who dwell upon these blessed islands and to the nations of the world.

WHEREAS

The sovereignty and independence of the Hawaiian Islands is not merely a chapter in history, but a living covenant—a solemn duty entrusted to us by our ancestors and by the Creator, to be honored and preserved for generations yet unborn.

Under the divine guidance and wisdom of King Kamehameha I, our Kingdom was forged in unity, courage, and humility, binding the islands of O'ahu, Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and, through the voluntary accord of Kaua'i, establishing a singular monarchy devoted to the welfare of all Hawaiians.

Spiritual Leader of the Hawaiian Archipelago Islands — The Kingdom of Hawai'i —
South Pacific Rim of Polynesians Islands, and Indigenous Nations Worldwide

Nou ke Akua Ke Aupuni O Hawai'i

Our Kingdom, a beacon of self-determination and dignity, was unlawfully overthrown in 1893 during the reign of Queen Lili‘uokalani—an act condemned by President Grover Cleveland and recognized as a violation of international law. Yet, the Queen’s unwavering devotion and immortal words continue to inspire us:

“You must remember never to cease to act because you fear you may fail.”

“I could not turn back time for the loss of my kingdom, but there is still time to save my people.”

“The cause of Hawaiian independence is larger and dearer than the life of any man connected with it.”

“To gain the kingdom of heaven is to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen, and to know the unknowable.”

The Hawaiian Kingdom was recognized as an independent nation by the United States in 1842, and by Great Britain and France in 1843, with the Anglo-Franco Proclamation enshrining Hawai‘i’s status as a sovereign state under international law.

The resilience of our spirit was proven in the Paulet Affair of 1843, when sovereignty was restored and July 31st became *Lā Ho‘iho‘i Ea*—Sovereignty Restoration Day—a testament to the unbreakable will of our people.

Our Kingdom entered into treaties of friendship, commerce, and navigation with the United States, Britain, France, Japan, and other nations, affirming Hawai‘i’s rightful place among the family of nations, and maintained embassies, issued currency, and signed international conventions as a fully developed and respected nation.

The United States, through the 1993 Apology Resolution, formally acknowledged its role in the unlawful overthrow and the enduring injustice, with President William Clinton publicly reading the resolution in solemn recognition.



On November 22, 2002, the Second Kingdom of Hawai'i was lawfully reestablished by hereditary heir *Ali'i Nui Mo'i* Edmund K. Silva, II, with Federal Attorney *Ali'i Mana'o Nui* Lanny A. Sinkin, delivering the Kingdom's Constitution and Declaration of Independence to the President of the United States and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

In 2023, the State of Hawai'i enacted legislation designating November 28th as *Lā Kū'oko'a*, commemorating the 1843 diplomatic recognition of Hawaiian independence, and continues to honor *Lā Ho'ihoni'e*, marking the restoration of sovereignty.

The sovereignty of the Hawaiian Islands has never been relinquished—neither during the Paulet Affair nor through the unlawful overthrow, annexation, or integration into the United States—and remains an unbroken chain from ancient times to the present.

The Hawaiian community, in steadfast reverence for their ancestors, continues to honor, protect, and reaffirm the enduring sovereignty of the Hawaiian nation.

NOW, THEREFORE

By the authority vested in the Crown, and in the name of justice, unity, and hope, I solemnly proclaim to the people of Hawai'i and to all nations of the world:

- The sovereignty and independence of the Hawaiian Kingdom shall be eternally recognized, honored, and preserved for all generations.
- The official celebration of *Lā Ho'ihoni'e*—Hawai'i's Independence Day—shall be commemorated annually on November 22, without exception.

AND FURTHERMORE

Let this proclamation serve as a call to shape the future of Hawai'i—a future built upon the foundation of our ancestors, yet reaching boldly toward new horizons. Let every Hawaiian and every ally of justice rise to the challenge of stewardship, innovation, and unity. Let us commit ourselves to:

- Protecting the land and ocean, honoring the sacred balance of nature, and ensuring that the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness for generations yet unborn.



- Advancing education, culture, and opportunity, so that every child of Hawai'i may thrive, dream, and contribute to the world with pride and purpose.
- Fostering peace, justice, and equality, so that the spirit of Aloha guides our laws, our communities, and our hearts.
- Building bridges of friendship and cooperation with all nations, so that Hawai'i stands as a beacon of hope, wisdom, and compassion in the global family.

Let this proclamation stand as a beacon—a call to action for every Hawaiian and every ally of justice. Let it ignite pride, courage, and resolve in the hearts of all who read it. This is your independence. This is your legacy. Be proud, for you are the heirs of a kingdom whose light shall never be extinguished.

May we, with unwavering commitment and in the true spirit of Aloha, uphold the values of respect, compassion, and stewardship that have guided our people since time immemorial. Let the life of the land be perpetuated in righteousness.

***Nou Ke Akua Ke Aupuni O Hawai'i,**
To you, O Lord, the Kingdom of Hawai'i,*

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