



THE KINGDOM OF HAWAI‘I

From the desk of the King

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Aloha a ho‘omaika‘i a puni ke Aupuni ‘o Hawai‘i.

On this sacred day of remembrance, December 7th, let us pause and reflect on the profound journey of our beloved Hawai‘i—a journey marked by resilience, transformation, and the enduring spirit of our people.

From the overthrow of Queen Lili‘uokalani in 1893, to the Republic of Hawai‘i in 1894, and annexation through the Newlands Resolution in 1898, our islands have endured forces that reshaped our sovereignty. Unlike a formal treaty, annexation occurred through a Congressional Joint Resolution—a domestic U.S. law—raising lasting questions about legality and justice. Native Hawaiians resisted fiercely, with petitions bearing over 21,000 signatures opposing annexation. Despite this, Hawai‘i became a U.S. Territory in 1900 and the 50th state in 1959.

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

This history is intertwined with sorrow and courage. On December 7, 1941, the attack on Pearl Harbor struck not only U.S. forces but also our homeland, still under military occupation and not yet a state. Many of our own ‘ohana suffered loss and injury that day. As my iwi kupuna taught, had the Kingdom remained sovereign, Hawai‘i would never have been a target. That tragedy reminds us that our story is inseparable from global events.

Today, as Ka Mo‘i and a U.S. Army Veteran, I honor all who perished and all who served with courage and sacrifice. Their legacy calls us to uphold freedom and sovereignty while cherishing the heritage of our Kingdom.

Let us honor our ancestors, embrace unity, and carry forward the light of aloha. May this reflection inspire gratitude and a renewed commitment to shaping a future rooted in justice and peace.

“I ka wā ma mua, i ka wā ma hope.”
The future is in the past.

Blessing

*E ke Akua mana loa,
Bless our ‘ohana, our land, and all who gather in remembrance.
May the wisdom and courage of our ancestors guide our steps.
May aloha fill our hearts, and may unity and peace dwell among us.
E ola mau ka lāhui Hawai‘i—may the Hawaiian nation live on forever.
Malama pono, and may the light of our heritage shine upon all generations.
Aloha ke Akua—God is love.*

Me ke aloha.



Given under my hand and seal,
His Royal Majesty Edmund Keli'i Paki-Silva
King of the Kingdom of Hawai'i

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