

**JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
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MOTION PASSES

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE RELATING TO HONOULIULI

WHEREAS, during WWII more than 2,000 Americans of Japanese Ancestry were relocated, detained, and incarcerated in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the wartime experience of the majority of Americans of Japanese Ancestry in Hawai'i was uniquely different from that of Americans of Japanese Ancestry on the United States Continent and is largely unknown to Hawai'i residents and people elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of the Interior has identified thirteen sites in Hawai'i where people were confined including the Wailua County Jail, Kalahaeo Stockade, Lihue Plantation, and Waimea Jail on Kaua'i; the Honouliuli Gulch Internment Camp, U.S. Immigration Station, and Sand Island Detention Camp on O'ahu; the Kaunakakai Jail on Moloka'i; the Lana'i City Jail on Lana'i; the Wailuku County Jail and Haiku Camp on Maui; and the Waiakea Prison Camp and Kilauea Military Camp on Hawai'i Island; and

WHEREAS, the site located in the Honouliuli Gulch was constructed for the sole purpose of detaining civilians including Americans of Japanese Ancestry, as well as prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, more than 300 Americans of Japanese Ancestry were held at Honouliuli between 1943 and 1945 along with approximately 30 Americans of German Ancestry; and

WHEREAS, Honouliuli as a site of the incarceration of Americans of Japanese Ancestry was largely undocumented until the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i began in the 1990's to research and document its history and significance; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i has made significant progress to clear the Honouliuli site and to uncover the locations of administrative buildings and the foundation of the mess hall; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i and others, oral histories have been recorded, artifacts have been recovered, and photographs and letters have been located in order to inform and educate present and future generations of the unjust incarceration experience in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the memory and significant role Honouliuli played in the history of Hawai'i, the Japanese American experience, and the United States must be documented, maintained, and preserved for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the current landowner of the Honouliuli site has expressed a willingness to donate the land for a memorial or preservation effort; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of the Interior through the National Park Service has the resources and expertise to serve as caretaker and overseer of Honouliuli as a place of the Japanese American incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior through the National Park Service is a likely and logical caretaker for the Honouliuli site as has been done at Manzanar National Historic Site, the Minidoka National Historic Site, and the Tule Lake Unit of the WWII Valor of the Pacific National Monument; and

WHEREAS, part of Public Law 111-88 that passed in 2009 authorized the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to conduct a "Honouliuli Special Resource Study"; and

WHEREAS, the “Honouliuli Special Resource Study” provides a unique and time-sensitive opportunity for the Japanese Americans Citizens League to offer comment on the significance and future of Honouliuli as a location of the WW II incarcerations of Americans of Japanese Ancestry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League that the Japanese American Citizens League express its support for the Department of the Interior preserving Honouliuli as a site of the WW II incarceration of Japanese Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Japanese American Citizens League through its staff and/or volunteers demonstrate such support by providing written comment to governmental agencies including the Hawai‘i State Legislature, the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the United States Secretary of the Interior, Congress, and the President indicating such support as is feasible, relevant and appropriate.

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