

KA LĀHUI HAWAI'I

Sovereign Nation of Hawai'i

An open letter to President Clinton:

We are the only class of Native "Americans" who have not been recognized by the U.S. Federal Government. As one of your primary initiatives during this first year of your Presidency, it is imperative that you correct this serious omission.

It has been 100 years since U.S. Marines aided in the illegal taking of our Sovereign Hawaiian Kingdom, which resulted in the loss of Hawaiian Crown Lands and the Cession of other Hawaiian lands and resources to the United States. We call on you to mālama pono -- do what is right -- and commence meetings with the Hawaiian people immediately to prepare for the expeditious disbursement and return of these illegally taken lands.

Moreover, despite the U.S. government's creation of a Hawaiian Home Lands Commission to assist in placing Native Hawaiians on home and agricultural lots, over 20,000 Hawaiian people are still on the waiting list. Many of our people have died waiting for a small piece of their 'aina to be made available for them to call their home.

The Republican President who preceded you refused to take action regarding this shameful chapter in American political history. We look to you to select the rightful course of action and await your readiness to begin the necessary meetings with our people.

We recommend that you review the report on the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust -- "A Broken Trust" -- which details the failure of this American initiative to return Hawaiians to parcels of their lands. This report was written by the Hawai'i Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights after an 11-year investigation into the mismanagement of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust by the State of Hawai'i and its predecessor, the United States.

Since January 1993, Ka Lāhui Hawai'i citizens have sent thousands of letters to you requesting that formal meetings begin between your representatives and Ka Lāhui Hawai'i, the Hawaiian Nation. Since then, the Nation has grown phenomenally, and over 20,000 Hawaiians have registered as citizens of Ka Lāhui Hawai'i and are pledged to peace and disarmament.

We have faith that your Administration will seek redress for the injustices done against the Hawaiian people. We ask that you recognize Ka Lāhui Hawai'i, a Constitutional Democracy and the largest independent body of Hawaiians in the world. We invite you to participate in formal meetings between our delegations this fall in Washington, D.C.

Mālama pono,

MILILANI TRASK
KIA'AINA
KA LĀHUI HAWAI'I

I/WE SUPPORT KA LĀHUI HAWAI'I'S EFFORTS TO RE-ESTABLISH SOVEREIGNTY FOR THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, AND HEREBY CALL UPON YOU TO RECOGNIZE KA LĀHUI HAWAI'I AS THE SOVEREIGN NATION OF HAWAI'I.

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

ADDRESS

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WE NEED YOUR KOKUA (HELP)!

Please call or write the following:

- President William Clinton
c/o The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20004
Ph. (202) 456-1414
- Your U.S. Congressmen and Senators
- Governor John Waihe'e
State of Hawai'i
State Office Tower
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Ph. (808) 586-0034

Our struggle is a difficult one. Without our land base, the Hawaiian people have been forced to rely upon the good hearts of Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians to continue this struggle for reparations and return of lands. Donations may be sent to:

Pono Kaulike
Ka Lāhui Hawai'i
P. O. Box 4964
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

KA LĀHUI HAWAI'I, the Hawaiian Nation, today calls on the United States President William Clinton to correct the wrongs committed by Americans on January 17, 1893. The Hawaiian people were robbed of their Nation, their lands, their resources, and their sovereignty.

Today, Ka Lāhui Hawai'i, a constitutional democracy functioning as a "nation within a nation," seeks to establish a dialogue with the Clinton Administration to begin the process of returning Hawaiian lands to the Hawaiian people.