

— Please help . . .

CITIZENS FOR PRESERVATION OF KALAUPAPA is an informal community group recently formed to consider the future of Kalaupapa.

Kalaupapa is a promontory of great beauty on the north coast of Molokai.

It is also a place of unique importance in Hawaii's history.

Kalaupapa is the site of Hawaii's century-old leprosy settlement --the place where Father Damien, one of Hawaii's two official great persons, lived and worked and died.

At present, no new patients are being sent to Kalaupapa. With the virtual conquest of leprosy in Hawaii, the population of the settlement is declining. Within the next decade or two, there will come a time when the settlement may no longer be needed.

What will happen to Kalaupapa then?

We believe that now is the time to start planning the future of Kalaupapa.

A place so rich in the long and tragic history of the Hawaiian people, a place identified with one of the greatest figures in the history of Hawaii, a place of such natural beauty, should become a permanent asset of the people of Hawaii.

We are proposing that the promontory itself, together with suitable adjoining lands, become a national historical park.

A bill to this effect has been introduced in Congress by one of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

And a resolution in support of the idea has been submitted to both houses of Hawaii's state legislature this session.

The transition from leprosy settlement to historical park will be long and perhaps complicated. It goes without saying that along the way, the best interests of the patients at Kalaupapa must always be consulted.

From the beginning, we need wide understanding and discussion of Kalaupapa's future.

Citizens for Preservation of Kalaupapa is just an informal group at present. Many different parts of the community are already represented--the patients of Kalaupapa, the Hawaiian people, government, business, churches, interested individuals. We welcome more support.

For the moment, the best way for you to indicate support is to be in favor of the resolutions currently before the state legislature.

You can do this in two ways.

First, you can contact your elected representatives.

Second, and perhaps more directly useful, you can contact us, as an individual or on behalf of your organization, so that when hearings on the resolutions are held, we can add your weight to our testimony.

Bill
General Membership
TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the name of Kalaupapa is associated with a long and tragic chapter in the life of the Hawaiian people; and

WHEREAS, Kalaupapa is also associated with the heroic life and death of Father Damien, one of Hawaii's two official great persons; and

WHEREAS, the promontory of Kalaupapa is rich in legendary, archeological and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, the use of Kalaupapa as a leprosy settlement will come to an end sometime within a generation, with the decline in the number of patients being served there; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation has been put before the United States House of Representatives by one of Hawaii's congressional delegation, with the intent of securing Kalaupapa as a future historical park;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this house supports the general intent of such legislation, looking toward historical park status for the promontory of Kalaupapa and such adjacent associated lands as are deemed appropriate by competent professional authority, with provision made for historic preservation of sites important in the history of the disease of leprosy in Hawaii and in the life of Father Damien, and provision made for suitable controlled public access; provided always that patients' welfare is the prime consideration for as long as the existing settlement shall be maintained, and that long-term planning provide for an orderly succession from settlement to historical park, in the best interests first of patients and then of the people of Hawaii.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR VOICE TO BE ADDED TO OTHERS
IN SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION, PLEASE WRITE EXPRESSING
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