

NATIVE HAWAIIAN COALITION

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Aloha to All Island Coordinators,

I have asked Chantelle Belay, Policy Advocate, at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for those in the Native Hawaiian Coalition who are currently representing the districts or moku or are involved with the coordination of bringing participants to our Native Hawaiian Coalition meetings, and your names have been provided.

I wanted to personally send a letter of appreciation for your service to the Native Hawaiian Coalition and say how very important your work is. It is with great hope that your commitment to the Coalition will continue.

The Native Hawaiian Coalition has taken its first big step by electing their first officer Pro tempore. I am humbled and honored that I will have the opportunity to work with some of the most diverse, talented, and respected citizens within our Hawaiian Community. I hope to share my experience as well as learn from this unique group of people. The very survival of the Native Hawaiian Coalition will depend on the expertise we have within our group and the level of willingness and commitment by each participant.

Attached you will find the Agenda and the Order of Business.

You will notice that the focus of the next Native Hawaiian Coalition meeting will be organizing us internally. It is imperative that we establish ourselves as a legitimate organization and actively take care of our own affairs before we can continue towards the goals of our mission statement, which we must not forget.

As you organize meetings within your community, you may want to speak to the attendees about the different committees that will be established and see if any within your community have the background and expertise needed and would be willing to offer their assistance to the Native Hawaiian Coalition.

I look forward to working with all of the Coordinators and Representatives and get to know all of you better. At the next Native Hawaiian Coalition, I will ask that the Island or District Representatives give a report on what is going on in your district for ten minutes. Please feel free to share both positive and challenging things that are going on. We are there to help each other. There will be a reserved table for all Coordinators and or District Representatives.

Any questions please feel free to e-mail kau.torres@verizon.net or call 808 489-3410.

Aloha,

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