

# CELEBRATION OF HAWAIIAN

# RESTORATION



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# LA HOIHOI EA

HAWAIIAN NATIONAL HOLIDAY SINCE 1843 **UA MAU KE EA O KA AINA I KA PONO**

10 am - 6 pm

CELEBRATE THE **LASTING INDEPENDENCE**  
OF THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM

LIVE

**MUSIC**

KIDS ACTIVITIES

**LIVE PLAY**

**HAWAIIAN**

**ISSUES**

**DISCUSSION**

**POI POUNDING**

**DEMONSTRATIONS**

**ONO FOOD**

**HAWAIIAN**

**HEALTH**

**LOMILOMI**

**ARTS**

**AND CRAFTS**

**MAKAHIKI**

**GAMES**

**HALAU HULA**

AND MORE...

**LA HOIHOI EA** is a celebration of Hawaiian independence and sovereignty. It remembers the end of a short British occupation in Hawaii in 1843. Once the Crown acknowledged its crime the Hawaiian Kingdom was restored as a testament to Hawaii's independence and sovereignty. Kamehameha III proclaimed, "**UA MAU KE EA O KA AINA I KA PONO.**" The sovereignty of our nation is preserved through justice. **LA HOIHOI EA** was celebrated as a national holiday until 1893 when Hawaii was again the victim of an illegal takeover and subsequent occupation by the US. Symbols of Hawaii's sovereignty were systematically destroyed and similar national holidays recognizing Hawaii's independence like La Kuokoa (Hawaiian Independence Day) were banned throughout the now occupied kingdom. In 1985, Dr Kekuni Blaisdell, Hawaiian national and patriot, resurrected this national holiday to honor and celebrate our continued independence and sovereignty, despite a century long American occupation. Come celebrate and honor our ancestors, our history, our sovereignty and our unending fight for justice.

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