

Committee of Hawaiian Nationals Press Statement

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A Resolution for the Apology

Apologizing for an offence is only a meaningless gesture if it is not followed by sincere efforts to resolve the offence. So far, the United States has done nothing but use the Apology against the interests of the Hawaiian people, and in particular Hawaiian Nationals. This has to stop.

On the 20th anniversary of the Apology Law, the Committee of Hawaiian Nationals calls upon the President of the United States, the U.S. Congressional Delegation from the U.S. State of Hawaii, the Governor of the U.S. State of Hawaii, the Legislature of the U.S. State of Hawaii, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs of the U.S. State of Hawaii and all other officials of the U.S. State of Hawaii and the United States of America, to take substantive actions to remedy the 120-year offenses for which it apologized.

The only proper and just remedy would be for the U.S. to end its unlawful occupation of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Therefore, we call on the United States and the U.S. State of Hawaii to provide an honest, workable exit strategy, including a timetable, for a peaceful, graceful withdrawal from the entire Hawaiian Archipelago, which comprise the lawful territories of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

We call for the immediate adoption of Hawaiian Kingdom laws to be administered in the Hawaiian Islands during the period of transition and execution of the U.S. exit plan. We call for an end to the discrimination and persecution of Hawaiian Nationals living in the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Furthermore, we call upon the international community, particularly Hawaiian Kingdom treaty partners, to assist in assuring a peaceful and orderly transition into a Free Hawaii.

Pilipo Souza of The Committee of Hawaiian Nationals states: "The U.S. apology basically said, 'sorry for stealing your nation,' but the Apology purposely avoided providing any remedy, and the U.S. for the past 20 years has refused to engage in any meaningful dialog for reconciliation."

Committee member Leon Siu adds: "Instead of returning our country, the U.S. is trying to further subdue the Hawaiian people by offering to turn "Native Hawaiians" into a 'federally recognized' Native American Indian tribe. This is not reconciliation; this is subjugation. This is not freedom, this is bondage."

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