

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

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SUPPORTS NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER DETAILED RACES PRINTED ON CENSUS 2020 SURVEY PANELS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau released "Results from the 2010 Census Race and Hispanic Origin Alternative Questionnaire Experiment: Technical Briefing" (Technical Briefing) dated August 8, 2012, influences how the race groups and detailed races will be printed and displayed on the census survey panel with or without check boxes and write-in line on the next decennial census in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the primary research objectives of the Technical Briefing include:

- Increase reporting in the standard Office of Management and Budget (OMB) race and ethnic categories
- Lower item nonresponse to the race and Hispanic origin questions
- Improve the accuracy and reliability of race and ethnic data
- Elicit the reporting of detailed race and ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, "detailed races" have been represented as checkboxes on the 2010 Census questionnaire, including the "Native Hawaiian" checkbox on the 2010 Census race question; and

WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander group (Detailed Reporting for Select Race Groups and Hispanic Origin, pg. 49) registered the highest approval response (85.8) for the Detailed Approach with a Native Hawaiian checkbox compared to other census control panels; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Briefing's Recommendations did not include issues that specifically pertain to the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander race group; and

WHEREAS, the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations (NAC), a program of the U.S. Census Bureau, recommended a combined question format for the 2020 Census that did not include a Native Hawaiian detailed race checkbox in its "2020 Census Race and Hispanic Origin Research Working Group, Final Report," recommendations dated June 10, 2014 (Final Report) which proposed recommendations for the Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders (NHOPI) category (Final Report, pg. 20 and 24); and

WHEREAS, community programs formed by the U.S. Census Bureau and other community organizations have had active dialog and input on the Alternative Questionnaire Experiment (AQE) issue for the past three years through formal discussions that have taken place through

conference calls, national conferences, and civic organizations making recommendations that represent the diverse population and need for accurate data that represents the NHOPI detailed race group; and

WHEREAS, the NHOPI race group population increased 40% between Census 2000 and Census 2010 with Hawai'i and California registering the largest NHOPI populations in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau and OMB Directive No. 15 (OMB-15) identify the detailed Pacific Islander races as: Native Hawaiian (NH), Samoan, Chamorro, Carolinian, Chuukese, Fijian, Guamanian, Kosraean, Marshallese, Niuean, Palauan, Pohnpeian, Tokelauan, Tongan, and Yapese; and

WHEREAS, the authors and undersigned agrees with the AQE Technical Briefing specific to the NHOPI race group that the detailed approach as described below will achieve 1) increased reporting in the NHOPI detailed races; 2) lower item non-response from the NHOPI race group; 3) improve accuracy and reliability of NHOPI race and ethnic data; and 4) elicit reporting in the NHOPI detailed race and ethnic group; and

WHEREAS, the authors and undersigned do not agree with the NAC Working Group Final Report's Summary and Recommendations specific to the NHOPI race group; and

WHEREAS, data users need the detailed NHOPI race data because each detailed race is striving to improve the health, education, and welfare for its people, while there are different political relationships, unique languages, diverse cultural practices and identity, and different paths to achieve equity, including data equity that represents each detailed race; and

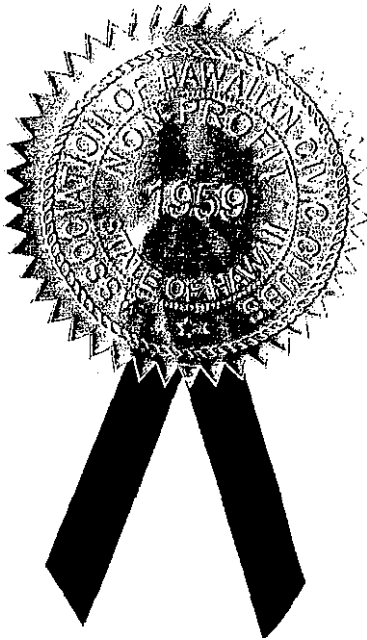
WHEREAS, Pacific Islanders new to U.S. census detailed race identifications may be confused if they do not have a visual of the detailed listing of their identity on the census survey panel, thus risking a diminished ability to achieve and execute goals and strategies stated in the Technical Briefing; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau projects extensive use of the Internet and electronic Census 2020 survey panels for much of the Survey process that would eliminate the need to reduce space on paper panels by printing the detailed races included in the NHOPI race group;

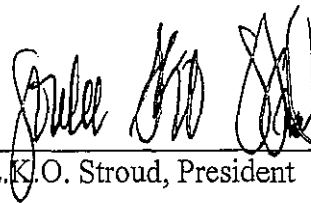
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 55TH annual convention at Waikoloa, Hawai'i this 1st day of November 2014, that it SUPPORTS NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER DETAILED RACES PRINTED ON CENSUS 2020 SURVEY PANELS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the U.S. Census Bureau and Office of Management and Budget provide Census 2020 survey panels that will increase reporting, lower non-response from the NHOPI population, improve accuracy and reliability of the NHOPI detailed race group data, elicit reporting in the NHOPI detailed race and ethnic group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be given to Nicholas Jones, Racial Statistics Branch and Roberto Ramirez, Ethnicity and Ancestry Statistics Branch of the U.S. Census Bureau; Papa Ola Lokahi Census Information Center; Governors of Hawaii and California, Senate President, State Speaker of the House, State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, State House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Office of Hawaiian Affairs Chair of the Board of Trustees, All County Mayors.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on the 1st day of November 2014, at the 55th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at Waikoloa, South Kohala, Hawai'i.



Soulee L.K.O. Stroud, President

