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SUBJECT: Your Duty, under International Law and Army Regulations, to Transform the State of

Hawai'i into a Military Government

## Aloha Major General Hara:

We, the members of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I (including Na Wahine O Kamehameha), was established in the early 1900s to maintain a connection to our country, the Hawaiian Kingdom, despite the unlawful overthrow of our country's government on January 17, 1893, by the United States.

Our people have suffered in the aftermath of the overthrow, but we, as Native Hawaiian subjects, have survived. Our predecessors, who established the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, had a national consciousness of their country that we did not have because of the Americanization of these islands. We were taught that our country no longer existed and that we are now American citizens. We now know that this is not true.

When the Government was restored in 1997, the Council of Regency embarked on a monumental task to hoʻoponopono (right the wrong) from a legal standpoint. Their success to get the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, Netherlands, to recognize the continued existence of our country and the Council of Regency as our government was no small task. When the Council of Regency returned from the Netherlands in 2000, they embarked on an educational campaign to restore the national consciousness of the Hawaiian Kingdom in the minds of its people. This led to classes being taught on the American occupation of the Hawaiian Kingdom at the University of Hawaii, High Schools, Middle

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Schools, Elementary Schools, and Preschools throughout the Hawaiian Islands. In 2018, the Hawaiii State Teachers Association was able to get their resolution passed at the annual conference of the National Education Association in Boston, Massachusetts. The resolution stated, "The NEA will publish an article that documents the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Monarchy in 1893, the prolonged illegal occupation of the United States in the Hawaiian Kingdom and the harmful effects that this occupation has had on the Hawaiian people and resources of the land." The HSTA asked Dr. Keanu Sai to write three articles, which were published on the NEA website. Dr. Sai is the Chair of the Council of Regency, and he led the legal team for the Hawaiian Kingdom at the Permanent of Court of Arbitration in *Larsen v. Hawaiian Kingdom*.

Because of this educational campaign, we are now aware that our country still exists and, as a people, we must owe allegiance to the Hawaiian Kingdom as our predecessors did. This is not a choice, but an obligation as Hawaiian subjects. We also acknowledge that the Council of Regency is our government that was lawfully established under extraordinary circumstances, and we support its effort to bring compliance with the law of occupation by the State of Hawaii on behalf of the United States, which will eventually bring the American occupation to close. When this happens, our Legislative Assembly will be brought into session so that Hawaiian subjects can elect a Regency of our choosing. The Council of Regency is currently operating in an acting capacity that is allowed under Hawaiian law.

We have read the Minister of the Interior's memorandum dated April 26, 2024 (<a href="https://hawaiiankingdom.org/pdf/Memo\_re\_Rights\_of\_Hawaiians\_(4.26.24).pdf">https://hawaiiankingdom.org/pdf/Memo\_re\_Rights\_of\_Hawaiians\_(4.26.24).pdf</a>), and the Council of Regency's Operational Plan for the State of Hawaii to transform into a Military Government (<a href="https://hawaiiankingdom.org/pdf/HK\_Operational\_Plan\_of\_Transition.pdf">https://hawaiiankingdom.org/pdf/HK\_Operational\_Plan\_of\_Transition.pdf</a>), and we support this plan. After watching Dr. Sai's presentation to the Maui County Council on March 6, 2024 (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-VIA\_3GD2A">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-VIA\_3GD2A</a>), we were made aware of your reluctance to carry out your duty to transform the State of Hawaii into a Military Government.

Because of the high cost of living brought here because of the unlawful American presence, the majority of Native Hawaiians now reside in the United States. The U.S. Census reported that in 2020, that of the total of 680,442 Native Hawaiians, 53 percent live in the United States. The driving factors that led to the move were not being able to afford a home and adequate health care. Dr. Sai, as the Minister of the Interior, clearly explains this in his memorandum where he states,

While the State of Hawai'i has yet to transform itself into a Military Government and proclaim the provisional laws, as proclaimed by the Council of Regency, that brings Hawaiian Kingdom laws up to date, Hawaiian Kingdom laws as they were prior to January 17, 1893, continue to exist. The greatest dilemma for Aboriginal Hawaiians today is having a home and health care. Average cost of a home today is \$820,000.00. And health care insurance for a family of four is at \$1,500 a month. According to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' Native Hawaiian Health Fact Sheet 2017, "Today, Native Hawaiians are perhaps the single racial group with the highest health risk in the State of Hawai'i. This risk stems from high economic and cultural stress, lifestyle and risk behaviors, and late or lack of access to health care."

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Under Hawaiian Kingdom laws, Aboriginal Hawaiian subjects are the recipients of free health care at Queen's Hospital and its outlets across the islands. In its budget, the Hawaiian Legislative Assembly would allocate money to the Queen's Hospital for the healthcare of Aboriginal Hawaiian subjects. The United States stopped allocating moneys from its Territory of Hawai'i Legislature in 1909. Aboriginal Hawaiian subjects are also able to acquire up to 50 acres of public lands at \$20.00 per acre under the 1850 Kuleana Act. With the current rate of construction costs, which includes building material and labor, an Aboriginal Hawaiian subject can build 3-bedroom, 1-bath home for \$100,000.00.

Hawaiian Kingdom laws also provide for fishing rights that extend out to the first reef or where there is no reef, out to 1 mile, exclusively for all Hawaiian subjects and lawfully resident aliens of the land divisions called ahupua'a or 'ili. From that point out to 12 nautical miles, all Hawaiian subjects and lawfully resident aliens have exclusive access to economic activity, such as mining underwater resources and fishing. Once the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea is acceded to by the Council of Regency, this exclusive access to economic activity will extend out to 200 miles called the Exclusive Economic Zone.

On behalf of the members of the Royal Order, I respectfully call upon you to carry out your duty to proclaim the transformation of the State of Hawai'i into a Military Government so that all Hawaiian subjects, and their families, would be able to exercise their rights secured to them under Hawaiian Kingdom law and protected by the international law of occupation. We urge you to collaborate with the Council of Regency in making sure this transition is not only lawful but is done for the benefit of all Hawaiian subjects that are allowed under Hawaiian Kingdom law, the 1907 Hague Regulations and the 1949 Fourth Geneva Convention.

Respectfully,

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