

Proclamation

By virtue of the prerogative of the Crown provisionally vested in us in accordance with Article 33 of the 1864 Constitution, and to ensure a full and thorough investigation into the violations of international humanitarian law and human rights within the territorial jurisdiction of the Hawaiian Kingdom, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Article 1

Head of the Royal Commission of Inquiry and terms of the investigation

1. His Excellency David Keanu Sai, Ph.D., *Acting* Minister of the Interior and Chairman of the Council of Regency, because of his recognized expertise in international relations and public law, is hereby appointed head of the Royal Commission of Inquiry, hereinafter "Royal Commission," on the consequences of the belligerent occupation of the Hawaiian Kingdom by the United States of America since January 17, 1893.
2. The purpose of the Royal Commission shall be to investigate the consequences of the United States' belligerent occupation, including with regard to international law, humanitarian law and human rights, and the allegations of war crimes committed in that context. The geographical

scope and time span of the investigation will be sufficiently broad and be determined by the head of the Royal Commission.

3. The results of the investigation will be presented to the Council of Regency, the Contracting Powers of the 1907 Hague Convention, IV, respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land, the Contracting Powers of the 1949 Geneva Convention, IV, relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, the Contracting Powers of the 2002 Rome Statute, the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the National Lawyers Guild in the form of a report.
4. The head of the Royal Commission shall be responsible for the implementation of the inquiry. He shall determine, with complete independence, the procedures and working methods of the inquiry, and the content of the report referred to in paragraph 3.
5. The head of the Royal Commission shall take the following oath:

“The undersigned, a Hawaiian subject, being duly sworn, upon his oath, declares that as head of the Royal Commission of Inquiry duly constituted on

April 17, 2019, I will act correctly, truly and faithfully, and without favor to or prejudice against anyone.”

Article 2

Financing

1. All costs incurred by the Royal Commission shall be borne by the Hawaiian Government, by its Council of Regency, and that the latter has granted on this day \$15,000.00 (USD) for initial expenditures of the Royal Commission.
2. The management of the expenditures of the Royal Commission shall be subject to contracts between the head of the Royal Commission and the *Acting* Minister of Finance.
3. The head of the Royal Commission shall be accountable to the *Acting* Minister of Finance for all expenditures.

Article 3

Composition of the Royal Commission of Inquiry

The composition of the Royal Commission shall be decided by the head and shall be comprised of recognized experts in various fields.

Article 4

Entry into effect and expiration

This decision shall take effect on the day of its adoption and shall expire on the day that the head is satisfied that the mandate of the Royal Commission has been completed.



In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hand, and caused the Great Seal of the Kingdom to be affixed this 17th day of April A.D. 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Keanu Sai".

David Keanu Sai, Ph.D.
Chairman of the *acting* Council of Regency
Acting Minister of the Interior

Peter Umialiloa Sai, deceased
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kau'i P. Sai-Dudoit".

Kau'i P. Sai-Dudoit,
Acting Minister of Finance

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dexter Ke'eaumoku Ka'iama".

Dexter Ke'eaumoku Ka'iama, *Esq.*,
Acting Attorney General