

Resolution Recognizing the Centennial Anniversary of the Hawai‘i Library Association

Whereas the Hawai‘i Library Association (HLA), a state chapter of the American Library Association, celebrates its 100th Anniversary in 2022;

Whereas HLA’s mission is to: “promote library service and librarianship in Hawai‘i in cooperation and affiliation with the American Library Association and other groups having allied objectives;”

Whereas HLA was established in 1922 with 20 members and became an ALA chapter in March 1924;

Whereas HLA, throughout its history, has represented and advocated for all types of libraries, and shared knowledge and expertise that inspire best practices of modern library services to meet the needs of our diverse community stakeholders and island `ohana;

Whereas HLA’s 170 members represent diverse librarians in public, school, academic, and special libraries;

Whereas HLA has been a strong supporter of continuing education for professional librarians in Hawai‘i throughout its existence through conferences, newsletter, and workshops;

Whereas HLA has partnered with the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa LIS Program to recruit, educate, and mentor professional librarians in Hawai‘i, especially those from underserved communities;

Whereas HLA has arranged for numerous ALA presidents and other speakers from around the world to travel to Hawai‘i to share their expertise and inspire best practices of modern library services to meet our diverse communities;

Whereas, despite the challenge of distance, separation by islands, limited budgets, and not having any staff, the HLA has become a voice of advocacy, encouraging state government to invest in libraries, promote literacy, and provide access to our host and diverse cultures;

Whereas HLA members have worked hard to revive programs within the Association such as the HLA Mentoring Program, the HLA Newsletter, and the HLA Legislative Committee;

Whereas the HLA, extends ALA’s Pacific voice in partnership with the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA) including the Peacock Scholarship and 2021 joint conference;

Whereas the HLA partners with Nā Hawai‘i ‘Imi Loa and the UHM LIS Program to promote a librarianship that honors the host culture and our diverse traditions; and

Whereas the HLA partners with the Hawai‘i Association of School Libraries to promote school libraries for our keiki on all islands through webinars, joint conferences, and advocacy; no, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

**2021-2022 ALA Tribute#5
2022 ALA Annual Conference**

1. Congratulates and commends the Hawai'i Library Association for 100 years of persistent effort in fulfilling their mission.

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