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NATIVE HAWAIIAN CONSTITUTION ADOPTED

Maunawili, Hawai'i – During the month of February over one hundred people participated in a gathering to draft governing documents for a Hawaiian government. The gathering – a result of an election supported by Na'i Aupuni, which was blocked by a U.S. Supreme Court intervention – which consists of participants from Hawai'i and as far as Sweden, voted to adopt a constitution today.

The constitution, drafted over several weeks, laborious committee meetings and intense floor debate, addresses everything from a core government structure to native rights. At the core of the governing document is the need to have culture and kūpuna wisdom.

The participants of the convention came with varied careers, attorneys, cultural practitioners, professors, retired jurists, laborers and many more.

The constitution was approved with 88 yes votes, 30 no votes and one abstentions.

The convention ends today with nearly 130 of the 151 participants taking part in the discussions over the month of February.

Access to 'Ōlelo Coverage: For the 'ohana and kaiāulu that are interested in following along, the plenary sessions are being broadcast on 'Ōlelo channels as well as livestreamed. They will also be available on demand within 48 hours of the event. For details, visit olelo.org.

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