

Resolution

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URGING THE HAWAII STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES TO RENAME IAO STREAM TO WAILUKU RIVER

WHEREAS, in 1914, the United States Board on Geographic Names recorded the name of the river flowing out of Iao Valley in Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, as Iao Stream; and

WHEREAS, Hui o Nā Wai `Ehā, a Maui-based advocacy organization, has submitted an application to the Hawaii State Board on Geographic Names to rename Iao Stream as Wailuku River; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the Kingdom of Hawaii, in the case of Peck v. Bailey, 8 Haw. 658 (1867), repeatedly referred to the river as “Wailuku River”; and

WHEREAS, 19th-century maps of Wailuku Plantation and Sprecklesville Plantation designate the river as “Wailuku River”; and

WHEREAS, a 1969 report for the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, prepared by Sara B. Cole, cites the river as “Wailuku River”; and

WHEREAS, “Wailuku River” is referenced in books such as “LEGENDS OF MAUI, A DEMI-GOD OF POLYNESIA AND OF HIS MOTHER HINA” by W. D. Westervelt and “WAILUKU SUGAR COMPANY CENTENNIAL, NOVEMBER 1862-1962: A CENTURY OF PROGRESS IN SUGAR CANE CULTIVATION” by Alvin K. Silva; and

WHEREAS, water is once again flowing from the river, and it is proper to restore the river’s name to Wailuku River; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it urges the Hawaii State Board on Geographic Names to take appropriate measures to rename Iao Stream to Wailuku River; and

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2. That certified copies be transmitted to Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; Joan Delos Santos, Acting Planning Program Manager, Hawaii Statewide GIS Program, Hawaii State Board on Geographic Names, State Office of Planning; Leo R. Asuncion, Jr., AICP, Planning Program Manager, Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Program, State Office of Planning; Lou Yost, Executive Secretary, United States Board on Geographic Names, United States Geological Survey; Dean Uyeno, Program Manager, Stream Protection and Management Branch, Commission on Water Resource Management, State Department of Land and Natural Resources; Kamana`opono Crabbe, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Honorable Alan M. Arakawa, Mayor, County of Maui; David Taylor, Director of Water Supply, County of Maui; Isaac Moriwake, Esq., Mid-Pacific Regional Office, Earthjustice; Irene Bowie, Executive Director, Maui Tomorrow; John Vincent and Rose Marie Ho`oululahui Lindsey Duey Ohana; and Hui o Nā Wai `Ehā.

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