

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN TREATY COUNCIL
HAWAI'I CONFERENCE 2003

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ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION

From the 18th to the 22nd of January, 2003, the International Indian Treaty Council will hold its 28th anniversary International Indian Treaty Council Conference in Hawai'i, hosted by Aloha First, Pu'uhoonua O Waimanalo Village, the Nation of Hawai'i, NHAC dba Ke Kia'i, Na Kupuna O Maui, Na Kupuna Kauai and the host community of Waimanalo on the Island of Oahu.

The theme of the conference will be "Reconciliation: We The Evidence, Not the Crime". The Conference is dedicated to the memory of Kawaipuna Prejean, IITC Board member and great Native Hawaiian activist for Sovereignty and Human Rights. Participants are asked to arrive by January 18th, 2003. They will be accommodated at Pu'uhoonua O Waimanalo Village, 30 miles east of Honolulu. The International Indian Treaty Council is an organization of Indigenous Peoples from North, Central, South America and the Pacific working for the Sovereignty and Self Determination of Indigenous Peoples and the recognition of Indigenous rights, treaties, traditional cultures and sacred lands.

The IITC was founded in Lakota Nation territory (South Dakota, USA) in 1974 to be an international voice and representation for traditional Indigenous Peoples. The IITC received Non Governmental Organization Consultative Status from the United Nations Economic and Social Council in 1977. Since that time it has worked to build Indigenous unity around the world, address human rights violations threatening Indigenous Peoples' survival and achieve recognition for Indigenous rights internationally.

IITC has held its international conferences in the US, Alaska, Aotearoa, Panama and Guatemala. 2003 will mark the tenth anniversary of the last IITC conference in Hawaii. Conference participants will need to arrange for their own air transportation. The conference hosts will arrange transportation from the airport in Honolulu to the conference site, and provide meals and lodging for all conference participants. Let us know your airline, date and time of arrival if you need to be picked up. For those who wish to camp out, please bring your own camping gear. Motels can be arranged at your own expense.

Indigenous Peoples from throughout the Americas, the Pacific and around the world, as well as Hawaiian communities from throughout Hawai'i will participate to share our cultures, develop strategies responding to shared concerns and discuss developments affecting our lives and survival. In addition to cultural rights and protection, issues such as treaty and land rights, environmental justice, sustainable development and Indigenous trade, impacts of economic globalisation, prisoners rights, Native Peoples' health and well being, and women, children and youth rights will be addressed. Cultural programs and presentations will run throughout the conference days.

We are looking forward to a very productive, positive and unifying event. For more information, or to find out how you can attend and help, please Contact Pu'uhoonua Bumpy Kanahale, IITC representative and Board Member for Hawai'i at 41-1300 Waikupanaha St. Waimanalo, Hi. or pu.uhonua@verizon.net. or Regina "Gina" Maikai, President of Pu'uhoonua O waimanalo Village

You may also contact IITC at iitcak@ak.net or iitc@igc.apc.org., and find information about the conference on IITC's web page, www.treatycouncil.org.

Very Cordially, IITC