

**CONSTITUTION  
Of  
LAU KANAKA NO HAWAII HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB OF ARIZONA  
(EFFECTIVE DATE)**

**ARTICLE I – NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

**Section 1.** This organization shall be known as Lau Kanaka No Hawaii (*Many People of Hawaii*) Hawaiian Civic Club of Arizona. The motto of the organization shall be “Nana imua, aole ihope” (*Look forward not back.*) The founding date of this organization is November 10, 2010.

**Section 2.** The Lau Kanaka No Hawaii Hawaiian Civic Club’s office shall be in Phoenix, Arizona

**Section 3.** This organization shall operate in conformity with its Constitution and By-laws and that of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and the Mainland Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs to which it is assigned.

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

**Section 1.** The purposes of this organization are as follows:

1. To actively participate in the promotion, perpetuation and practice of the Native Hawaiian culture and values;
2. To initiate and to advocate for positions endorsed by the membership of this club and the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its annual convention, or as approved by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs’ (AHCC) Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** The objectives of this Club are as follows:

1. To unite our members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding.
2. To promote the theory and practice of the principles of good government and good citizenship, guided by Native Hawaiian values.
3. To participate in activities which promote the civic, economic, health, education, housing, and social welfare of our community and particularly, the activities of those agencies and organizations who are responsible for the improvement of the conditions of the people of Hawaiian ancestry especially as it applies to our Arizona community.
4. To provide a forum for our members to fully and freely discuss matters of public interest.

5. To preserve and perpetuate the culture and traditions of Hawai'i nei.
6. To protect the endemic and indigenous flora and fauna of Hawai'i nei.
7. To encourage the teaching, learning and use of 'ōlelo makuahine.'
8. To actively assert and defend the cultural and intellectual property rights of the Native Hawaiian peoples.
9. To provide funds for scholarships to be awarded to the children of our members who are seeking further education on the Hawaiian Culture and Values and any approved program deemed beneficial to the education of said children.

### **ARTICLE III – TAX STATUS**

**Section 1.** The income or net earnings of this organization shall not inure to the benefit of any member of individual

**Section 2.** The organization is not organized for profit and no part of the assets, income or earnings shall be used as dividends, or other withdrawals, or distributed to any of its members of officers, except for services actually rendered.

**Section 3.** Upon dissolution of the organization, the Directors shall, upon payment of all liabilities to the Association and Council, dispose of all the remaining assets by distribution to a like fund or a foundation or organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes and exempt from Federal Income Tax as an organization described in Section 501c(3) or the Internal Revenue Code.

### **ARTICLE IV – PROHIBITIONS**

**Section 1.** Lau Kanaka No Hawaii does not endorse or recommend any candidates for elective political or public office; accordingly, this organization will follow that policy.

**Section 2.** No officer or member of this organization shall use the club as a means of furthering the personal or political aspirations of any person, nor shall the Club take part in any movement that is not in keeping with the purposes and objectives as contained in this Constitution.

### **ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** Membership in this organization will be extended to Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians who support the purpose and objectives of this organization.

**Section 2.** Categories of membership are as identified in our By-laws.

**ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND BOARD STAFF**

**Section 1.** Officers – The officers of this organization shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and the Treasurer who shall serve on the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** Directors – There shall be elected two members from the membership to serve as directors on the Board of Directors.

**Section 3** Qualification, duties and requirements of office is as stated in our by-laws.

**ARTICLE VII – ORGANIZATION.** This organization is a member of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. The acceptance of the Charter by a club shall be a ratification and agreement on the part of the club to be bound by the Constitution and By-laws of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. The organization shall be under the jurisdiction of the District Council for the district in which they are located.

**ARTICLE VIII – PER CAPITA DUES.** Per capita dues shall be paid annually to the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and to the Mainland Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, in the amount and on the date specified by the Association and Council. Club dues shall be paid annually by anniversary date to the Membership Committee.

**ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS.** The Constitution of this organization may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members at a regular meeting of the membership. The amendment must be circulated to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

**ARTICLE X – RULES OF ORDER** are as stated in the by-laws

Approved by the Board of Directors September 11, 2010.

President \_\_\_\_\_ Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_.