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**ALOHA QUEST WORLDWIDE EDUCAST**

HONOLULU -- On Sunday December 19, historic `Iolani Palace on O`ahu is the backdrop for an unprecedented learning event for the peoples of Hawai`i. Aloha First, a common-ground organization encouraging the reconciliation of diverse Hawaiian issues in the Spirit of Aloha, hosts AlohaQuest, a six-hour all-island 'live edicast' to be broadcast simultaneously over the Internet at <http://www.AlohaQuest.Com> and on KFVE-TV-Channel 5, from 4PM to 10PM HST.

This groundbreaking program features emcees Ed Kaahea and Iaukea Bright, local Hawaiian entertainers, and prominent figures in the Hawaiian sovereignty initiative hosting a dynamic forum on the history and future of Hawaiian self-governance. Aloha First calls it "an antidote to indifference".

"The Hawaiian people hold diverse opinions and positions on many unresolved issues" says Aloha First, adding that "Kanaka Hawai`i Maoli also have much in common and share unified values and objectives." Aloha First believes that "in order to achieve equitable solutions to economic and social concerns, we must remain steadfast in this common ground and build on consensus." This edicast is a powerful step towards that goal.

Each hour of the live broadcast explores an important period in Hawaiian history and offers visions for Hawai'i's future. Kehau Filimoe`atu and Ian Chan Hodges discuss the Native Hawaiian owned and controlled bank, which is currently in organization. A tax-free economy and international and offshore banking will be covered. Also featured: a discussion of the role of the Ali`i Trusts under an independent nation.

Produced by Aloha First and Na Maka o ka `Aina, AlohaQuest Worldwide Educast guests include Keanu Sai, Kekuni Blaisdell, Francis Boyle, Keoni Agard, NoeNoe Silva, Jim Bartels, Jon Osorio, Tom Coffman, Emmett Aluli, Manu Meyer, Rev, Tuck Wah lee, Rev, Paul Sherry, Kunani Nihipali, Eddie Ayau, Bill Meheula, Kaleo Patterson, Kehau Filimoe`atu and other noteworthy sovereignty figures.

No gathering of Hawaiians would be complete without entertainment! Scheduled to appear are Kawika Kahiaho, Robie Kahakalau, and more.

During the edicast, Aloha First will accept pledges and donations to assist in funding continued educational outreach.

Internet viewers will also be able to participate in live chat sessions during the event at the web site: <http://www.AlohaQuest.Com>. Either RealPlayer or Windows Media Player is required to view the event online. Memorabilia of the event will be available.

"Our Kupuna (elders) have taught us to embrace and share the Spirit of Aloha" says Bumpy Kanahole. "Through self-determination and with dignity, the Hawaiian people are working to peacefully address historic and current injustices that perpetuate the desecration of our land and culture. This edicast is an unprecedented opportunity for all Peoples of our community to participate in an event that will encourage reconciliation and resolution of Hawaiian issues in the Spirit of Aloha."

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