



ALA MOANA-KAKA'AKO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 11

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**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DECOMMISSIONING OF THE
FROM THE RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE TANKS**

WHEREAS, clean, unpolluted drinking water is a basic human need and all public natural resources are held in trust and to be protected for the benefit of the people pursuant to Article XI, Sections 1 and 7 of the Hawai'i State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, since its construction at Kapūkakī in the 1940s, the U.S. Navy's Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility has held up to 250 million gallons of fuel in underground tanks that are located 100 feet above the Southern O'ahu Basal Aquifer, which is the principal source of drinking water for O'ahu residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated the Southern O'ahu Basal Aquifer as a sole-source aquifer that supplies at least 50 percent of the drinking water for its service area and that there are no reasonably available alternative drinking water sources should the aquifer become contaminated; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the 76 known instances of leaks at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility have cumulatively spilled nearly 200,000 gallons of fuel into the ground above the aquifer; and

WHEREAS, recent spills have endangered the health of O'ahu residents, including military personnel and families; and

WHEREAS, the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako neighborhood is one of many communities that would be directly and permanently affected if this or future contamination spreads further into the sole source aquifer; and now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 ("the Board") urges the immediate decommissioning of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility in order to ensure that there are no additional leaks or contamination of groundwater resources now and into the future; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board urges the construction of test wells to quickly determine the extent of existing contamination plumes; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board urges the swift remediation of contaminated soils in order to restore the condition of the aquifer and mitigate further impacts to the groundwater and drinking water resources on O'ahu.'

ADOPTED by the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 at its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, by a vote of 8-1-0.

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