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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
STATE OF HAWAI'I

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, STATE OF	)	Docket No. 21-UST-EA-02
HAWAI'I	)	
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Complainant,	)	DECLARATION OF MELINDA
	)	HEALANI SONODA-PALE
vs.	)	
	)	
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE	)	
NAVY,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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DECLARATION OF MELINDA HEALANI SONODA-PALE

I, MELINDA HEALANI SONODA-PALE, declare that if called as a witness in this action I would testify of my own personal knowledge as follows:

1. I am a Kanaka Maoli educator who has taught Hawaiian immersion preschools, Hawai'i High Schools, Colleges, and Correctional Facilities for over 20 years. I currently serve as an Instructional and Student Support Specialist with the University of Hawai'i and have served in this position for the past eight years. I also serve on the Kuli'ou'ou/Kalani Iki

Neighborhood Board and am the spokesperson and community advocate for Ka Lāhui Hawai‘i Komike Kalai‘āina Political Action Committee. Through these endeavors I have gained familiarity with video content editing and, specifically, how to download, trim, cut, and splice video content for distribution to the public via various media platforms. If called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the matters set forth herein.

2. On December 17, 2021, I registered an account with the Defense Visual Information Distribution Service (“DVIDS”) in order to view a video recording of the U.S. Army Garrison Hawai‘i and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam town hall meeting held December 1, 2021, at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel (“town hall video”). The town hall video may be found on the DVIDS website at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/823740/amr-red-hill-water-town-hall> (last viewed Dec. 17, 2021).

3. That same day, I viewed and downloaded the town hall video. In the town hall video, numerous residents, Department of Defense employees, and customers of the U.S. Navy’s water system voiced concerns and asked questions regarding the ongoing water supply crisis resulting from the Red Hill fuel leak.

4. I separated and isolated the testimonies of four individuals from the town hall video clip at the following timestamps: (41:43-43:21); (1:04:40-1:05:10); (1:10:22-1:10:52); and (1:21:38-1:22:43). I then spliced and joined these four individual testimonies together into one continuous video clip, which is being submitted as Sierra Club Exhibit S-36.

5. Other than isolating and splicing these testimonies into one clip for ease of presentation, the video clips have not been altered or doctored in any way and are accurate representations of the individual testimonies given in the town hall video posted to the DVIDS website.

6. I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing declaration and know the contents thereof to be true to the best of my knowledge.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, December 17, 2021.



MELINDA HEALANI SONODA-PALE