



STATE OF HAWAII  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### RECOGNIZING BOARD MEMBER JIM WILLIAMS FOR HIS SERVICE

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the Board of Education ("Board"), Jim Williams has shared his background and extensive experience in education, business, government, and unions and labor negotiations;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Williams served on the Board for over five years, from April 2011 to September 2016, and was one of the inaugural members, and first chairperson of the Human Resources Committee of the appointed state school board created by an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution in 2011;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Williams and his fellow volunteer board members were committed to ensuring a culture of collaboration and support for the Department of Education ("Department");

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Williams worked together with his fellow Board members and the Department to develop the first joint Board and Department strategic plan to guide sweeping educational reform in Hawaii, which received national recognition for the resulting student success;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Williams worked together with his fellow Board members to adopt rigorous standards to ensure that Hawaii's students are ready for a post-secondary education and successful career;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Williams's personal contributions to the Board included making invaluable contributions to the Board's policy audit, putting in place the framework for evaluations of the Superintendent and State Librarian, devoting countless hours to contract negotiations, and tirelessly and selflessly sharing his insight and knowledge;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Williams was the voice of the Board's conscience that pointed out the guiding star of student needs and achievement and encouraged Board members, the Department, and education stakeholders to use its light to navigate difficult decisions; was mindful of the circumstances teachers and schools faced and challenged Board members and others to meet those needs; and passionately advocated for charter schools and ensuring they had a respected place in Hawaii's educational system; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the State of Hawaii Board of Education hereby extends its heartfelt appreciation to JIM WILLIAMS for his dedication and meaningful, significant contributions to the education of Hawaii's children with a spirit of aloha.

This resolution was proposed and approved by the Board at its October 18, 2016 General Business Meeting.

Lance A. Mizumoto