

MO'OLELO MINUTE

The Ka 'Ohā Monthly Newsletter

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE

King (David La'amea) Kalākaua

- King (David La'amea) Kalākaua was born on November 16, 1836 at the base of Punchbowl Crater in Honolulu on the island of Oahu.
- He was the 7th Monarch of the Kingdom of Hawaii and his reign was from February 12, 1874 – January 20, 1891.
- He is often referred to as the Merrie Monarch because of his love and devotion to Hawaiian art and culture. The Merrie Monarch festival is celebrated every year in his honor.
- He signed the Reciprocity Treaty of 1875 which was a free trade agreement between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom. It is credited as bringing great prosperity to the islands.
- It was at his coronation at the 'Iolani Palace that the hula which had been banned from the public throughout the kingdom of Hawaii was performed.
- His love of the ukulele was an important factor in establishing the instrument as a symbol of Hawaiian music and culture. He is also known to have revived the Hawaiian martial art of lua and surfing.
- As King he oversaw the building of the statue of King Kamehameha I that stands prominently in front of Ali'iolani Hale in Honolulu and the rebuilding of the 'Iolani Palace.
- He authored a book titled "The Legends and Myths of Hawaii."



- Kalākaua wanted Hawaiians to broaden their worldview so he instituted the Education of Hawaiian Youths Abroad scholarship program to encourage qualified students to study abroad. During this time he also traveled abroad to encourage the immigration of contract sugar cane workers which brought other cultures to the Hawaiian Islands.
- The song "He Mele No Lilo" on the soundtrack to Disney's Lilo and Stitch is about King "David" Kalākaua.



The Legends and Myths of Hawaii

Ukulele Hall of Fame

ALEKOKI Ukulele Instrumental #001

Merrie Monarch Festival History



LĀ KŪ'OKO'A

NOVEMBER 28

HAWAIIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY



WHAT IS LĀ KŪ'OKO'A?

- Lā Kū'oko'a is Hawaiian Independence Day. It is a kingdom holiday that was first celebrated in 1843.
- It is celebrated on November 28 to commemorate the signing of the Anglo-Franco Proclamation, the official diplomatic recognition of the independence and sovereignty of the kingdom of Hawai'i by Great Britain and France.



-Kamehameha III-Kauikeaouli
PC Wikipedia

SERIES OF EVENTS

- By the middle of the 19th century, threats by foreign nations were building in Hawaii. Countries flocked here with interest in Hawaii's land and resources with little regard to the kanaka Hawai'i of the land.
- In 1843 Kauikeaouli, Kamehameha III, tasked three ministers, Timoteo Ha'alilio, William Richards, and Sir George Simpson, to gain recognition of Hawaiian independence. This independence would help secure equal treaties and trade with other nations around the world.
- Britain, and France officially recognized Hawaiian independence while other countries followed soon after. Lā Kū'oko'a (Hawaiian Independence Day) was celebrated proudly for the next five decades.
- After the overthrow and "annexation" of Hawai'i, Lā Kū'oko'a celebrations slowly dwindled. Today, Lā Kū'oko'a is being celebrated again throughout Hawai'i with pride. So when November 28th rolls around, be sure to show your pride in Hawaii as you remember and share our recognition as an independent nation.

"UA MAU KE EA O KA 'ĀINA

I KA PONO"

"THE LIFE OF THE LAND IS PERPETUATED IN
RIGHTEOUSNESS"

-KAUIKEAOULI, KAMEHAMEHA III

RESOURCES

EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

No nā keiki (for keiki):

- [Kanaeokana-Lā Kū'oko'a](#)
- [Elijah Kalā McShane on Lā Kū'oko'a](#)
- [Hawaiian word of the day-Kū'oko'a \(Laina Wong\)](#)
- [Pa'a ke Aupuni \(from 11min-22min\)](#)

No nā makua/'ohana (for parents/families)

longer videos:

- [Kaleikoa Ka'eo on Lā Kū'oko'a \(at 27min\)](#)
- [Dr Keanu Sai on Lā Kū'oko'a](#)
- [Ron Williams on Lā Kū'oko'a](#)

ACTIVITIES

- [Kauikeaouli, Kamehameha III coloring page](#)
- [Hae Hawaii \(Hawaiian Flag\) coloring page](#)

MUSIC & MELE

- [Ku Ha'aheo-various musicians](#)
- [Kaulana Na Pua-various musicians](#)
- [For the Lāhui-Josh Tatofi](#)
- [Living in a Sovereign Land-Israel Kamakawiwo'ole](#)
- [E Ala E-Israel Kamakawiwo'ole](#)
- [All Hawai'i Stand Together-Liko Martin](#)

READING MATERIAL

- [Hawaiian Kingdom](#)
- [Kawaiola: Lā Kū'oko'a: How Timoteo Ha'alilio Helped Secure Hawaiian Independence](#)
- [Hawaiian Monarchy \(Quick Facts\)](#)