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Earthquake Causes Severe Damage to Historic Hulihe'e Palace

KAILUA/KONA, HI--Daughters of Hawai'i, who restored and operate Hulihe'e Palace in Kailua/Kona, are assessing the damage caused by Sunday's earthquake to the Palace. Significant damage occurred and repair and restoration are estimated to run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The Daughters have already raised over \$250,000 for restoration of the Palace, but with the earthquake damage it is estimated that an additional \$300,000 will need to be raised. "We are going to do everything possible to preserve this national treasure", explains Executive Director David Scott, "but we need help."

Built in 1838 by Governor John Adams Kuakini, Hulihe'e Palace remained a vacation spa for Hawaiian royalty until 1916. The historic two-story structure displays a collection of former Hawaiian royalty furniture and effects, as well as ancient artifacts owned and maintained by the Daughters of Hawai'i.

Preservation architect Glenn Mason will be visiting the site on Wednesday along with structural engineers and contractors to determine the extent of the damage and propose a plan for repair and restoration.

Hulihe'e Palace is one of only three royal palaces in the United States.

For those wishing to make a donation for the restoration, please contact the Daughters of Hawai'i at (808) 595-6291.

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