

Global Goals, Local Action

Declaration of Commitment to Sustainability for Hawai'i

WHEREAS, Hawai'i and islands around the world are vulnerable to the effects of climate change, import dependency and biodiversity loss; and

WHEREAS, island communities also face challenges on housing affordability, community resilience and economic risks along with an increasing number of natural disasters, making sustainability practices more essential; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is among a number of islands that are emerging as global leaders with integrated solutions to these challenges that can be scaled to advance the global sustainability agenda; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i launched the Aloha+ Challenge: He Nohona 'Ae'oia in 2014 as a statewide sustainability commitment and adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 69 (SCR 69) to support our shared economic, social, and environmental goals, building on Hawai'i's culture and island values; and

WHEREAS, the Aloha+ Challenge is Hawai'i's local framework to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Climate Agreement adopted by world leaders in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations recognized Hawai'i as one of the world's first Local2030 Hubs as a result of the collective statewide leadership on the Aloha+ Challenge and collaboration with the Global Island Partnership to scale island sustainability models; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Green Growth Local2030 Islands Hub works with public, private, and civic partners to accelerate and scale island-led solutions to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals; and

WHEREAS, Hawaiʻi's own Hōkūle'a, Hikianalia and crews of the Polynesian Voyaging Society continue to carry the message of "Mālama Honua–to care for our Island Earth," engaging worldwide communities to practice living sustainably; and

WHEREAS, the five-year anniversary of Hawai'i's Aloha+ Challenge demonstrates the critical importance of local leadership and action to achieve global goals;



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THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and Joshua B. Green, Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i; Brian E. Schatz, U.S. Senator, State of Hawai'i; Mazie K. Hirono, U.S. Senator, State of Hawai'i; Tulsi Gabbard, U.S. Representative, State of Hawai'i; Edward E. Case, U.S. Representative, State of Hawai'i; Ronald D. Kouchi, Senate President, State of Hawai'i; Scott K. Saiki, House Speaker, State of Hawai'i; J. Kalani English, Senate Majority Leader, State of Hawai'i; Della Au Belatti, House Majority Leader, State of Hawai'i; Kirk W. Caldwell, Mayor, City and County of Honolulu; Harry Kim, Mayor, County of Hawai'i; Derek Kawakami, Mayor, County of Kaua'i; Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui; Mark E. Recktenwald, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Hawai'i; David Lassner, President of the University of Hawai'i; and Kamana'opono Crabbe, Ka Pouhana of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, as representatives of the Aloha State, renew our commitment to building sustainability in the islands and working with each other and our community stakeholders on Global Goals, Local Action through implementation of the Aloha+Challenge in celebration of its 5th anniversary and the launch of the United Nations Hawai'i Green Growth Local 2030 Islands Hub Global Goals, Local Action.

Done at the State Capitol in Honolulu, Hawai'i this eighteenth day of April 2019.

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