

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

April 28, 2023

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. 23-01

TO: All Department Heads

FROM: Governor Josh Green, M.D.

SUBJECT: Ha'aheo – Pride in Public Service

“Ha'aheo, Pride in Public Service” provides us with an opportunity to join together to recognize our employees for their dedicated public service and take pride in their accomplishments. In recognition of our public employees and their contributions to our community, Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke and I have proclaimed May 2023 as ***“Ha'aheo, Pride in Public Service Month”*** in Hawai'i.

Our proclamation is in partnership with the Public Employees Roundtable and the Council for Excellence in Government to celebrate *Public Service Recognition Week* from May 7–13, 2023.

A copy of the joint proclamation is attached for sharing throughout your respective departments. As part of the distribution of the proclamation, please feel free to add your personal expression of gratitude for your employees' dedicated efforts to serve and improve the lives of our kama'āina and visitors alike.

In observance of Hawai'i's “Ha'aheo” theme of pride, I urge you to recognize your employees and hold your own departmental activities throughout the month. For example, you may wish to:

- Start an annual public service award program to honor and recognize employees' commitment to public service in the state.
- Issue news release(s) highlighting the services you provide, your agency's importance in maintaining our quality of life, featuring the achievements of

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outstanding employees, or recognizing volunteers. [Note: please coordinate media releases and events in advance with Makana McClellan, Governor's Director of Communications.]

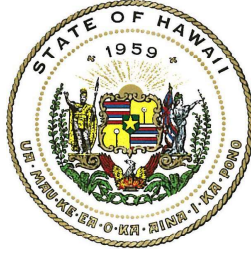
- Provide outreach speakers on the role of your agency's employees to schools, local community groups, clubs and organizations.
- Coordinate weekend departmental community service events such as trash pick-up or grounds clean-up.

If you have any questions, please call the Department of Human Resources Development at (808) 587-1100.

Thank you for your continuing support and joining together to recognize our fellow employees.

Attachment

c: Departmental Deputy Directors
Departmental Human Resource Officers
Departmental Public Information Officers



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ha'aheo, Pride in Public Service Month, observed throughout May 2023, promises to highlight the dedication of Hawai'i's public service sector employees who remain committed to the people of our State; and who dedicate themselves to protecting, encouraging, sustaining, teaching, healing, and nurturing our environment; and

WHEREAS, Ha'aheo, Pride in Public Service Month, calls attention to how crucial state employees are to strengthening our communities and meeting the safety, health, and wellness needs of the public; and

WHEREAS, Ha'aheo, Pride in Public Service Month, fosters the Public Employees Roundtable's recognition of state employees during Public Service Recognition Week from May 7 – 13, 2023 for their many contributions to the daily lives of kama'āina and nā mālihini (visitors) alike; and

WHEREAS, Ha'aheo, Pride in Public Service Month, brings the Executive Branch of the Hawai'i State Government into partnership with the Public Employees Roundtable and the Council for Excellence in Government to celebrate Public Service Recognition Week; and

WHEREAS, Ha'aheo, Pride in Public Service Month, recognizes the courage, determination, and perseverance state employees demonstrate in the workplace; and how public servants are determined to work in unity—with purpose and pride in public service—and demonstrate their dedication, talents, and the Aloha Spirit in all State Departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH GREEN, M.D., Governor, and I, SYLVIA LUKE, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

"HA'AHEO, PRIDE IN PUBLIC SERVICE MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to celebrate the commitment of public sector employees and join us in saying mahalo for their steadfast commitment to serving the people of our pae 'āina (islands) in the true spirit of aloha and ha'aheo (pride).

Given this 28th day of April, 2023 in the Executive Chambers of the State Capitol, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i.

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Sylvia Luke
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i