



Special Message from Governor Neil Abercrombie

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Hawaiian Youth Delegation of the 8th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development

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On behalf of the people of Hawai'i, I extend a heartfelt *aloha* to the youth who will serve as delegates to the **8th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development** on Martha's Vineyard.

I extend sincere congratulations to the five youth selected to represent Hawai'i County at this year's Summit:

- Allie Kitchens, Kealakehe High School
- Kynan Kawai, Kamehameha Schools Hawai'i Campus – Kea'au
- Makana Tavares, Kanu o ka 'Āina New Centry Public Charter
- Manoa Johansen, Hawai'i Community College
- Trevor Tanaka, Konawaena High School

I commend these individuals for their endeavors to benefit our community and help Hawai'i achieve long-term sustainability in agriculture, building, business, culture and energy through their innovative five-year action plans. The Youth Leadership Summit is an exciting opportunity for these Hawai'i's delegates to incorporate their interest into vocational, college or career goals, learn about sustainable practices and collaborate with delegates from across America, Asia and the Caribbean to champion sustainable initiatives.

I send a special *mahalo* to the Sustainable Hawai'i Youth Leadership Initiative and the Stone Soup Leadership Institute for their support of the Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development, as well as to Kamaka Mahi Gunderson of Hawai'i Community College for serving as a chaperone for this event. These contributions of support and time provide the foundations for our future's leadership and an environment that allows young individuals to become actively engaged in making our world a better place.

I share my best wishes for a memorable **8th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development** and its continued success.

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i