



Special Message from Representative Nicole Lowen
Presented in Recognition of the
*Stone Soup Leadership Institute's 14th Youth Leadership Summit for
Sustainable Development*

I extend my warmest aloha and mahalo to all who are participating in the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's 2018 Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. Hawaii is a unique and beautiful place, but it is also the most isolated archipelago in the world, making sustainability essential for all who live in the islands.

Sustainability is a holistic approach to the many dynamic challenges that Hawaii, as an island community, faces. Climate change is undeniable, and creative and innovative solutions are imperative to the survival of our precious ecosystem. Trevor Tanaka, a Konawaena High School graduate, is a beacon of excellence, inspiring those around him with his commitment to creating a healthier, more sustainable planet.

Even though some challenges may seem insurmountable, the Hawaiian proverb, 'A'ohē hana nui ke alu 'ia (no task is too big when done together by all), reminds us that we can accomplish much with dialogue and collaboration.

My very best wishes for a successful and productive summit.

Sincerely,

Nicole Lowen
Hawaii State House of Representatives