



*Special Message from
Governor David Y. Ige
In Recognition of*

**The 13th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for
Sustainable Development**

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Sustainability is everyone's kuleana, and is not simply a goal but a global responsibility. On behalf of the people of the State of Hawai'i, I would like to congratulate the participants in this year's 13th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. This event provides an opportunity for the youth of Hawai'i to commit to building a sustainable future for all and to learn from and support one another in their efforts.

This year, Hawai'i welcomed home the Hōkūle'a and Hikianalia Polynesian voyaging canoes from their epic worldwide voyage. Their three-year, 60,000 nautical mile journey with its message of Mālama Honua – caring for the Earth – marks the longest recorded voyage in Hawai'i history. Hōkūle'a's journey shows us that there is more that connects the world than divides it and that Hawai'i can be a leader in sustainability and change.

I would like to recognize the members of the Hawai'i delegation: Benjamin Zingg, Macartney Biegler, Tania Mahealani duPont, Elijah Anakelea-Buckley, and Jacqueline Noborikawa. Each and every one of you has a bright future ahead as leaders in sustainability in our state and around the world. Our planet is at a crossroads, and together we can make a difference for our island Earth.

With warmest regards,

DAVID Y. IGE
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