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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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On behalf of the people of the County of Hawai'i, it is a pleasure to extend a warm welcome to the organizers, participants and supporters of the Sustainable Hawai'i Youth Leadership Initiative's (SHYLI) Youth Leadership Forum.

We commend this year's delegates Kynan Kawai, Allie Kitchens, Manoa Johansen, Trevor Tanaka and Makana Tavares for their exceptional contributions to sustainable initiatives in Hawai'i. These future leaders will be of great value to our island communities as we seek ways to preserve and integrate our unique culture with a complex modern world.

It is particularly important for our isolated island communities to embrace the concept of sustainability, since it is through sustainability that we can insulate ourselves from worldwide events over which we have no control.

Our island communities' isolation can also be utilized as an asset, as we are particularly suited to be a world model for the development of sustainable agriculture, building, business, culture, and energy.

We extend a warm Aloha to all the delegates and wish them great success as they embark on this journey toward a more secure future for their islands and the rest of the world.

Aloha,

Billy Kenoi
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