

C O U N T Y O F H A W A I ' I

MAYOR'S MESSAGE *June 27- July 2, 2015*

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 Stone Soup Leadership Institute's 11th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development held this year at Martha's Vineyard.

We commend the Stone Soup Leadership Institute for their dedication to build innovative public-private partnerships to develop healthier, sustainable communities, and their commitment to organize youth-community leadership initiatives on the islands of Martha's Vineyard, Hawai'i and the Caribbean. 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 are very proud of Hawai'i Island's representatives - our youth delegates, Tania DuPont and Elijah Anakalea-Buckley, and our Emerging Leaders, Alex Siordia, Makana Tavares, and Trevor Tanaka. We are honored to congratulate them on being selected to represent our island community. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Billy Kenoi".

Billy Kenoi
MAYOR