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**GOVERNOR HONORS MAUI COUNTY OUTSTANDING OLDER
AMERICAN AWARDEES DIANE LOGSDON AND RICHARD
ENDSLEY**

HONOLULU – Gov. Neil Abercrombie will be traveling to Maui on Monday, July 22, to honor Maui County Outstanding Older Americans Diane Logsdon and Richard Endsley in a ceremony to be held at 11:30 a.m. at the King Kamehameha Golf Club in Waikapu.

Every year, eight kupuna -- one male and one female from each county -- are selected as Outstanding Older American volunteer honorees for the exemplary work they do to aid and support their individual communities.

“Hawaii tops the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s first state-by-state study estimating how long Americans age 65 can expect to live and do so in good health,” Gov. Abercrombie said. “Our kupuna are living longer and achieving more, taking on new roles in retirement that range from organizing, to educating, to innovating. All of this year’s Outstanding Older American honorees are examples of this.”

Diane Logsdon of Kula, Maui, has a long history of serving as a community volunteer in varying capacities with the Kula Hospital Auxiliary. She also has served as treasurer, community service chair and president of the AARP Kula Chapter. Logsdon currently serves as recording secretary for the Maui Economic Opportunity’s Senior Citizens Planning and Coordinating Council and the Puunene branch of the Maui Friends of the

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Library, where she edits the monthly newsletter. In being nominated for the award, her passion to enhance the quality of life in her community was called “contagious and inspiring.”

Richard Endsley was selected for his service to the West Maui community. He has served as president of Lahaina Intermediate School Education Foundation and the After School Tutoring Project. As the co-founder of the Lahaina Complex After School Enrichment Tutoring Project, he has over a decade of volunteer history. Endsley also volunteers with the Lahaina Restoration Foundation, Lahaina Honolua Senior Citizens Club, Lahaina Town Action Committee, and Lahaina Hongwanji Temple. His nomination recognized the difference he has made in educating island keiki and in the community-at-large on Maui.

“Older Americans Month celebrations acknowledge the value that older adults continue to bring to our communities by applauding recent achievements of local kupuna and inviting them to share those activities to unleash the power of age,” said Wes Lum, director of the Executive Office on Aging.

After proclaiming May as “Older Americans Month” in Hawaii on May 3, the Governor recognized honorees at events on their respective islands:

- Honolulu, Betty Goya and John McGuire;
- Kauai County, Dr. Lucy Miller and William Neil Rapozo, Sr.; and
- Hawaii County, Peter Hoffmann and Shirley Ito.

This year’s Older Americans Month theme – “Unleash the Power of Age” – emphasizes the important role of our kupuna. Seniors across the nation are being recognized as productive, active, and influential members of society.

For more information and to find ongoing opportunities to celebrate and support older Americans, contact the Executive Office on Aging at (808) 586-0100 or local Area Agency on Aging by visiting the Aging and Disability Resource Center at www.hawaiiadrc.org or by calling (808) 643-2372.

Link to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's July 18 news release,
"Healthy life expectancies at age 65 highest in Hawaii, lowest in Mississippi":
<http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2013/p0718-life-expectancy.html>

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