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HAWAII CELEBRATES OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

HONOLULU -- The State of Hawaii Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA) plans to “*Age Out Loud!*” at this year’s Older Americans Month state level recognition event scheduled for June 2, 2017 at 15 Craigside in Honolulu from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Each year, Hawaii’s four Area Agencies on Aging select a male and female as Outstanding Older Americans who represent the achievements of elders from their respective counties. Nominations were submitted by local clubs, churches, businesses and volunteer groups. All the honorees will be recognized at the state event in June.

"They have achieved so much in life," said Jim Cisler, this year's event chairman. "Yet, they are continually trying new things, advocating for themselves and others and remaining engaged in their communities."

“Age Out Loud” signifies the positive change of older adults that impacts elder lifestyles and eliminate outdated perceptions of the aging community. This year’s theme emphasizes that older adults live with boldness, confidence and passion while serving as an inspiration for people of all ages.

Since 1963 when President John F. Kennedy proclaimed the month of May as “Seniors Month,” celebrations across the country have acknowledged the accomplishments of elders from all

walks of life, many of whom insist on remaining active in their communities. In turn, the Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, annually provides a unifying theme to focus awareness on elder issues.

The City and County of Honolulu honored their awardees on March 31 at the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) event. Kauai and Hawaii counties celebrated on May 5 and Maui hosted their event on May 11. Each year, these county events culminate in a statewide recognition of all 8 honorees.

The statewide event in Honolulu is open to the public but seating is very limited. Attendance and media inquiries should be e-mailed to JimCisler@ymail.com. Additional information is available by calling the Executive Office on Aging at (808) 586-0100.

PABEA members are volunteers appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. They advocate for Hawaii's *kupuna* through legislative support, State program evaluation and elder recognition. They also directly advise the State's Executive Office on Aging.

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