









# Hawai'i Lifeguard Appreciation Week



HAWAII  
**DROWNING &  
AQUATIC INJURY  
PREVENTION**  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Hawaii's Neurotrauma Program  
TRAUMATIC BRAIN & SPINAL CORD INJURIES ♥ STROKE



The Hawaii Department of Health's Drowning and Aquatic Injury Prevention Advisory committee is collaborating with the annual Dukes OceanFest, which celebrates Olympian Duke Kahanamoku, an early innovator of lifeguard technique and water safety.





## Proclamation

WHEREAS, ocean lifeguards are responsible for protecting the lives of more than one million Hawai'i residents and millions of visitors who visit and vacation in the Aloha State annually; and

WHEREAS, lifeguards protect beachgoers who surf, swim, bodysurf, snorkel, stand-up paddle board, fish, kayak, jet ski, and participate in other activities off the shores of our islands; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's lifeguards are the primary responders for ocean emergencies and are trained to provide first aid, assess and navigate hazardous ocean conditions, communicate with beachgoers, and act as calm and assertive leaders in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, since the first hotels were built on the shores of Waikiki, lifeguards and experienced watermen and women have kept beachgoing visitors and tourists safe while sharing with them an appreciation for water activities; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our beachgoers has a direct impact on the tourism industry, our local economy, and the overall well-being of our state; and

WHEREAS, local keiki from every island have the opportunity to participate in the state's summer Junior Lifeguard Program where they learn about ocean currents, perform mock rescues, and gain a greater knowledge of and appreciation for local beaches;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 21-27, 2022 as

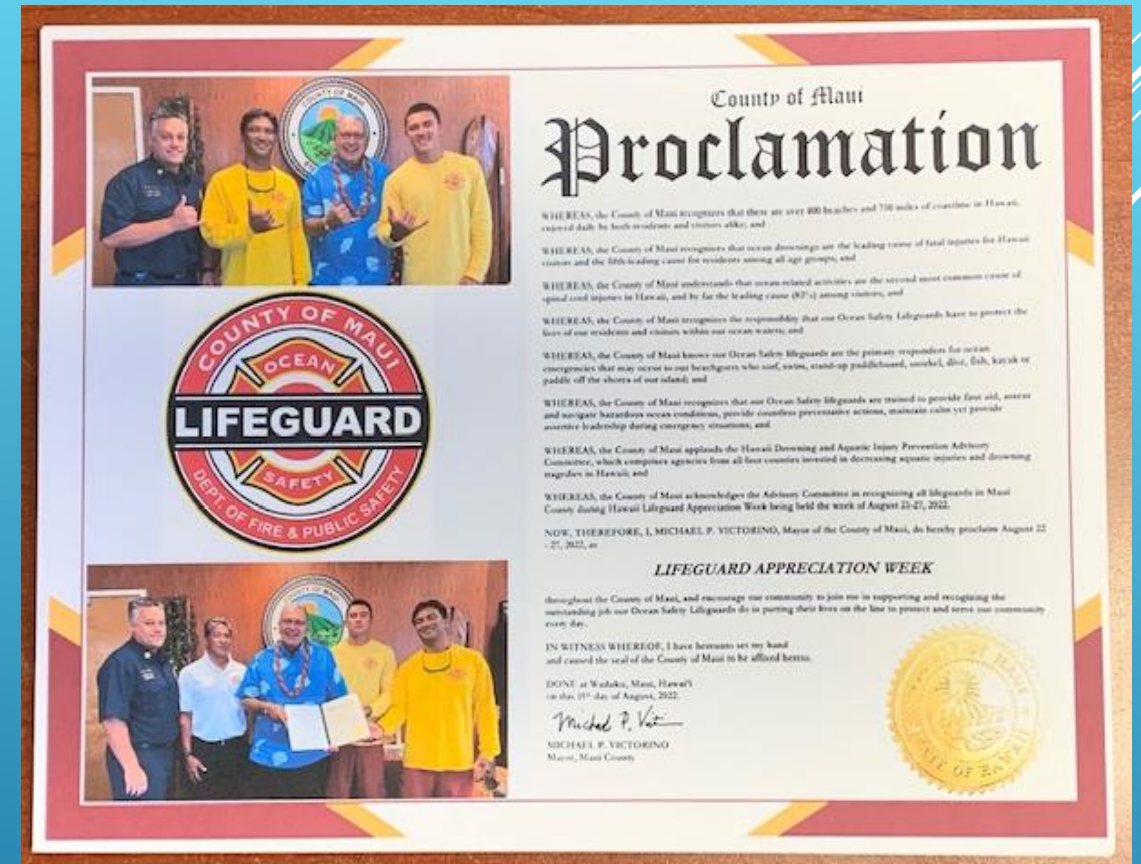
### "HAWAII LIFEGUARD APPRECIATION WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the important work of lifeguards from Maui, Hawai'i, Kaua'i, and Honolulu counties who put their safety on the line to protect others every day.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this tenth day of August 2022.

  
DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Governor Ige proclaimed August 21-27, 2022 as Hawai'i Lifeguard Appreciation Week



Maui County Mayor Victorino recognized Water Safety Officers Jasen Kaimikaua and Micah Quinto, alongside Maui Fire Chief Chad Ventura, as he proclaims Hawaii Lifeguard Appreciation Week in Maui County





Honolulu County Parks and Recreation Lifeguards at the K. Mark Takai Veteran's Memorial Aquatic Center on Oahu



Kauai County Mayor Derek S. Kawakami joined the Kauai Ocean Safety Bureau, Kauai Fire Department, Kauai Department of Parks and Recreation, Kauai Visitors Bureau and others to proclaim Hawaii Lifeguard Appreciation Week in Kauai County





In this inaugural celebration of Hawaii Lifeguard Appreciation Week, lifeguards from across the state were recognized for their outstanding efforts at Dukes Waikiki.



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Aloha Neurotrauma Program-

Mahalo for the funds in support of Hawaii's Lifeguard Appreciation Week. The funds you provided made it possible to honor lifeguards from each county with beautiful lei, and to promote the week with large banners displayed in every county.

Attached are photos of some of the lifeguards wearing their lei, and of the banner that was created and will be displayed yearly. Michele Tong was instrumental in facilitating the creation, purchase and delivery of both the lei and banners, and we are delighted that she has joined the Committee.

On behalf of the Hawaii's Drowning and Aquatic Injury Prevention Advisory Committee, thank you for your generous support and collaboration.

Aloha,



Ralph Goto  
Co-chair, DAIPAC

Hawaiian Lifeguard Association  
Kauai Lifeguard Association  
Maui Lifeguard Association  
City and County of Honolulu  
Parks and Recreation  
City and County of Honolulu  
Ocean Safety Division  
County of Kauai Fire Department  
Ocean Safety Bureau  
County of Maui Fire Department  
Ocean Safety Division  
County of Hawaii Fire Department  
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The Hawaii Drowning and Aquatic Injury Prevention Advisory Committee is coordinated by the Hawaii Department of Health Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch and was established to reduce the incidence of drowning and water related spinal cord injuries in Hawaii through networking, education, advocacy, research and resource development.