



## *Special Message from Governor Neil Abercrombie*

*Presented to*

### **Kōkua Mau**

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*Aloha* and welcome to all those attending the educational summit planned by **Kōkua Mau**, Hawai'i's Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

Our healthcare system is complex and requires fresh approaches to address the goals of value, quality, and patient satisfaction. Transforming healthcare is of great importance to me and my Administration. I believe that healthcare must be accessible to all of our citizens and that the availability of compassionate and competent care is essential for all, even when their illnesses are beyond cure.

I wish to recognize each of you as you gather today for your support of the shared vision of improving care for Hawai'i's seriously and terminally ill patients, and

I commend Kōkua Mau as a coalition of individuals and organizations dedicated to improving care for these groups. I appreciate the important mission and role played by Kōkua Mau and recognize its many accomplishments. It is truly noteworthy that today's summit brings together policy and decision makers with hospice and palliative care providers and caregivers to improve the quality of life and care for patients.

I extend a special *mahalo* to the participants of the Kōkua Mau educational summit for your compassion, dedication, and contributions to the transformation of Hawai'i's health care system. I share my best wishes for the success of today's event.

Sincerely,

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i