

Commendation In Recognition of

The 12th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development, Hawai'i Delegates & Leaders June 25 – July 1, 2016

On behalf of the people of the State of Hawai'i, I extend my congratulations and warmest *aloha* to the participants in this year's **12th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development**, presented by The Stone Soup Leadership Institute on June 25 – July 1, 2016 in Martha's Vineyard. It is with great pride that the highlight of this year's summit is the official welcome of the Hokule'a as the canoe and its crew arrive at Martha's Vineyard as part of the Hokule'a worldwide voyage.

The commitment and dedication you have shown, as members of the Sustainable Hawai'i Youth Leadership Initiative, to educate yourselves to gain critical thinking, decision-making, and team-building skills to build a greener and more sustainable future for our island home is highly commendable.

I would especially like to recognize our Hawai'i youth delegates: Nikolas Powell, Juanito Moises Jr., and Elijah Anakalea-Buckley. I look forward to hearing great things about each of you in the future.

I am confident this summit will offer you opportunities to learn, share, and create new experiences for all who are involved. I send my best wishes to everyone for an exciting and memorable week.

With warmest regards,

DAVID Y. IGE Governor, State of Hawai'i