

## Special Message from **Governor Josh Green, M.D.** In Recognition of the

28<sup>th</sup> Annual Honolulu Festival

March 8 - 10, 2024



As the Honolulu Festival unfolds once again, I am honored to extend a warm welcome to all the participants, performers, and attendees. This cherished event, which has become a cornerstone of our cultural calendar, embodies the spirit of aloha and serves as a beacon of cultural harmony and exchange.

For nearly three decades, the Honolulu Festival has been a testament to the enduring bonds between Hawai'i and the Pacific Rim region. Against the breathtaking backdrop of Waikiki, the Honolulu Festival beckons us to embark on a journey of discovery and celebration. From the vibrant Grand Parade to the mesmerizing Nagaoka Fireworks Show, this weekend promises an unforgettable experience that transcends borders and unites us in our shared appreciation for diversity. This week's festivities serve as a demonstration of the power of cultural exchange to foster understanding, cooperation, and mutual respect among peoples from diverse backgrounds. `

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Honolulu Festival Foundation, dedicated sponsors, tireless volunteers, and talented performers for their unwavering commitment to making this event possible. Your collective efforts enrich our communities, inspire our residents and visitors alike, and strengthen the cultural tapestry of our islands.

As we gather to celebrate the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Honolulu Festival, let us embrace the spirit of aloha, cultivate understanding and goodwill, and move forward together towards a future filled with promise and possibility.

With warmest Aloha,

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