Mālama Mandate

As individuals and organizations we express our renewed commitment through a Mālama Mandate, marking Hawai‘i’s designation as a United Nations Local2030 Hub – the first hub in the Pacific and Island hub worldwide. The launch of the Hawai‘i Green Growth Local2030 Hub recognizes the collective vision and strong track record of statewide partners, establishing a local hub for sustainability solutions to global challenges grounded in the fundamental island values of mālama and spirit of aloha.

This is a call to action – one inspired by our love for Hawai‘i, our collective ancestors and descendants, and our commitment to navigating towards a better future for Island Earth.

WHEREAS Hawai‘i and islands are at risk in the face of climate change and some of the most pressing challenges of our time, and that while vulnerable, islands are also a repository for globally relevant solutions building on a history of systems thinking and indigenous knowledge.

ACKNOWLEDGING that Hawai‘i’s long-term security is linked to the success of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and that the urgency and scale of threats will require networks of diverse partners working together for the well-being of all islands, all people, all ecosystems – and for the next generations that will inherit Island Earth.

REAFFIRMING the commitment made by statewide public and private sector partners on the Aloha+ Challenge: He Nohona ‘Ae‘io, A Culture of Sustainability to achieve ambitious goals across environmental, social, and economic priorities, Hawai‘i’s local framework for action on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

RECOGNIZING the collaboration by Hawai‘i Green Growth partners across government, business, and civil society since 2011, and the statewide efforts by the network to develop unified goals, measures, and public-private actions to accelerate progress for Hawai‘i.

HONORING Hawai‘i’s history of systems-thinking and the foundation of the Native Hawaiian culture and values, as embodied in Senator Kenneth Brown’s Mālama speech delivered 45 years ago, as well as the legacy of sustainability movements in Hawai‘i over the past forty years.

FURTHER RECOGNIZING increased ambition to climate change, including commitments to the Paris Climate Agreement and goals for 100% renewable energy and transportation by 2045, which are measured through the Aloha+ Challenge Dashboard to provide accountability and drive impact on Hawai‘i’s sustainability and climate goals.

RECALLING the Hawai‘i hosted 2016 International Union for the Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress with over 10,000 delegates, which showcased Hawai‘i’s global sustainability leadership through biocultural conservation and place-based models such as the Aloha+ Challenge.

EMPHASIZING the role of the Worldwide Voyage by Hōkūle‘a in uplifting an indigenous and islander worldview with local communities across the Earth’s oceans through carrying Hawai‘i’s message of Mālama Hawai‘i, Mālama Hooma‘u – and the continued opportunity for Hawai‘i to be the starlight in finding the balance.

LOOKING FORWARD the Hawai‘i Green Growth Hub with the United Nations Local2030 Initiative and the Global Island Partnership provides a significant platform to fulfill this shared Akōina, both a responsibility and privilege, to partner with communities around the world in building a more sustainable future for Island Earth.

The Hawai‘i Green Growth Local2030 Hub on November 29-30, 2018 in Honolulu, Hawai‘i commits to the Mālama Mandate as a Call to Action through 2020 to:

Adopt and perpetuate mālama values within our personal lives, communities, and respective institutions to catalyze the system-level transformation needed to achieve local and global sustainability goals and build a more prosperous future for Island Earth.

Implement joint initiatives, actions, and policies with public and private sectors to advance the Aloha+ Challenge and UN Sustainable Development Goals, through a mālama ‘Aina approach grounded in island values.

Partner with the United Nations Local2030 Initiative and Global Island Partnership to scale and accelerate island-led solutions to the global challenges with other islands, communities, and the Asia-Pacific and sub-national regions of major economies.

Build a global culture of sustainability for future generations through education and policy leadership pathways “from the le‘i kalo to the United Nations” with the Hawai‘i Green Growth Local2030 Hub, academic partners, and a local and global network.