



*Special Message from*  
**Governor Josh Green, M.D.**  
*In Recognition of the*  
**29<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Honolulu Festival**

March 7–9, 2025



Hawai'i is at its best when we gather for events that bring people together, both those of us fortunate to live in these beautiful islands and the visitors who are here from around the world.

The Honolulu Festival is a remarkable celebration exemplifying all that is possible when we gather to welcome people in harmony and embrace with respect the joy of other cultures. The message of the festival's 2025 theme – *Bridging Cultures, Together for a Peaceful Tomorrow* – encapsulates what makes being in Hawai'i such a wonderful, life-changing experience and what the rest of the world should strive to achieve.

The Honolulu Festival epitomizes the magnificence of living, working and believing in Hawai'i. Hundreds of hardworking volunteers give their time, dozens of generous corporations donate funds, thousands of cultural artisans from Japan and the Pacific Rim share their culture, and tens of thousands of Hawai'i residents and visitors enjoy the music, dance, arts, and exhibits.

On behalf of the State of Hawai'i, I extend my deepest appreciation to the board of directors of the nonprofit Honolulu Festival Foundation for presenting this treasured annual event and supporting educational and cultural programs for our schools and community.

And to all the residents and visitors who will be here the weekend of March 8-9, I encourage you to make some time to embrace the diversity of cultures, traditions and people being celebrated at the 29th Annual Honolulu Festival.

With Warmest Aloha,

*Josh Green M.D.*

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**Governor, State of Hawai'i**