

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE OCEAN SAFETY DIVISIONS AND OCEAN SAFETY OFFICERS OF HAWAI'I COUNTY, KAUA'I COUNTY, MAUI COUNTY, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, the ocean plays a vital role for Hawai'i, its people, and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, as the ocean can prove to be unpredictable and dangerous, there are individuals who put their lives at risk on a daily basis to ensure the safety of those enjoying the ocean; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety of beachgoers, ocean safety officers go through intensive training in ocean rescue, ocean rescue prevention, emergency medical first response, dispatched mobile, and injury prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the following ocean safety divisions provided outstanding service to their respective counties; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i County's Ocean Safety Division ensures the safety of beachgoers around Hawai'i Island by providing lifeguard services at over 12 beaches throughout the island including Honoli'i, Richardson's, Leliwi, Onekahakaha, Carlsmith, Isaac Hale, Ahalanui, Punalu'u, Kahalu'u, La'aloa, Hapuna, and Spencer beach; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean Safety Bureau of the County of Kaua'i has a total of 56 Ocean Safety Officers to provide lifeguard services throughout the island from the North District, Ke'e Beach to Hanalei Pavilion; to the East District, Anahola to Lydgate Beach and to the South/West district, Po'ipu to Kekaha Beach; and

WHEREAS, the ocean safety officers in Maui County provide lifeguard services for over 10 beaches throughout the island; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services Division in the City and County of Honolulu provides ocean safety services for 198 miles of O'ahu's coastline, divided into four regions; South Shore (Pearl Harbor to Maunalua Bay), Windward (Maunalua Bay to Mokapu Peninsula), North Shore (Mokapu Peninsula to Ka'ena Point), and Leeward (Ka'ena Point to Pearl Harbor); and

WHEREAS, ocean safety officers put their lives at risk to ensure the safety of all; now, therefore,

 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, that this body recognizes and commends the OCEAN SAFETY DIVISIONS AND THE OCEAN SAFETY OFFICERS OF THE COUNTIES OF HAWAI'I, MAUI, HONOLULU, AND KAUA'I for their hard work and dedication to the safety of both residents and visitors, and extends its best wishes for their continued success in the future.

OFFERED BY:

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