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Date: 04/21/2022

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, Conference Room 325

Committee(s): JHA

Title of Bill: SCR24 SD1

Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice-Chair Matayoshi and Committee Members :

Kanu Hawaii is providing testimony in SUPPORT of SCR24 SD1 RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEER WEEK IN HAWAII.

This resolution seeks to recognize Volunteer Week in the State of Hawaii for the year 2022. The dates mirror the dates of National Volunteer Week. Although National Volunteer Week has been celebrated every year since 1974 by Presidential Proclamation, Hawaii only officially recognized the week beginning in 2018 when the legislature passed HCR153_SD1.

Through the support of that resolution in 2018, the community held over 60 events across 5 islands. Now, in its fifth year, Volunteer Week in Hawaii 2022 is being celebrated by over 200 organizations hosting over 400 events across 6 islands engaging thousands of volunteers.

2018 was also a year of natural disasters across Hawaii. Proactively engaging community to volunteer during blue sky times will inevitably result in strength of response during gray skies. And as the data has shown us, the number one determining factor of a community's ability to respond and recover from a natural disaster is the health of its social links and strength of community relationships.

Volunteer Week Hawaii is the largest volunteer focused campaign in Hawaii and the largest state level celebration of National Volunteer Week in the United States. With the passage of SCR24 SD1 and continued recognition of Volunteer Week in Hawaii, we hope to increase the level of volunteer engagement and capacity building for Hawaii's population, including its non-profits, community organizations, and schools in the years to come.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Keone Kealoha", written in a cursive style.

Keone Kealoha
Executive Director, Kanu Hawaii

TESTIMONY OF

LARRY S VERAY

TO THE COMMITTEE ON:
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

MOST STRONGLY SUPPORT SCR 24 SD1 SSCR 3810

RELATING TO VOLUNTEER MONTH

APRIL 19, 2022

Aloha, Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi and committee members. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 24 SD1 SSCR 3810. Although I am Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21, I am submitting this testimony as an individual.

I totally support Senate Concurrent Resolution and its intent to designate the month of April as Volunteer Month to recognize the thousands of volunteers who sacrifice their personal family time to support others for always a good cause. This past two years during the pandemic, many citizens stood up to help others supporting Department of Health vaccine centers, providing food and water to our elderly, families and the homeless; The Pearl City Lions Club volunteered their time to support blood drives and even donating much needed blood, Many church groups assisted in facilitating food drives and collecting food from the community for the needy. Lastly, many military and civilian volunteer groups, working side-by-side assisted in keeping our island clean by picking up trash off the Pearl Harbor Historic Bike Trail, from our parks and on off roadways. This volunteerism was observed throughout all the island communities while spreading their Aloha to others.

I most strongly urge you to support and approve SCR 24 SD1 SSCR 3810 because it is the right thing to do to recognize our special volunteers in Hawaii. Mahalo!

Very respectfully,

Larry S. Veray

SCR-24-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/20/2022 1:28:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/21/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keopu Reelitz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony. I write in strong support of this resolution. Volunteerism and civic engagement strengthen the fabric of our islands and the communities that make them so unique. I'm thankful for the State Legislature recognizing the importance of Volunteer Week Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 4/20/2022 2:26:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/21/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Breanna Rose	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members:

I am in strong support of SCR24 SD1 to recognize Volunteer Week Hawai'i in 2022. This year marks the 5th annual Volunteer Week, which has become the largest volunteerism-focused campaign in Hawai'i and is connected to National Volunteer Week. Volunteer Week brings positive benefits to Hawai'i's communities, environment, and thousands of residents across the pae'āina. Recognizing Volunteer Week formally emphasizes the importance of living with aloha and giving back as a community.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration,

Breanna Rose