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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Aloha! On behalf of the people of the County of Hawai'i, I am pleased to welcome Nā Wai Ola Public Charter School students, faculty, staff, and 'ohana, to their 2022 Makahiki Celebration on Wednesday, November 23, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

The rising of Makali'i (the constellation Pleiades) at sunset marks the beginning of the Hawaiian new year, known as Makahiki. Makahiki aligns with the rainy season and serves as a period of reflection, recognition, and pride, and as a time of rest and rejuvenation for both the land and the people.

We recognize the Nā Wai Ola Charter School community for their dedication and commitment to education with the Hawaiian culture as its guiding principle and for providing experiential learning opportunities to students, 'ohana, and the community by practicing Hawaiian cultural traditions through their Makahiki Celebration.

Best wishes for a meaningful and fun-filled celebration, with time set aside for tribute, harvest, sport, and play. In the early evening, as Makali'i rises in the Eastern sky, let us be aware of Makahiki and welcome with open hearts, the new year.

Done this 23rd day of November 2022.

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