

The Senate

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 2012 MAUI EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

The Hawai'i State Senate is proud to formally recognize community events that are dedicated to the promotion of environmental education and protection. It is especially fitting for the Senate of the State of Hawai'i to pause and pay tribute to those events that work with purpose and conviction to perpetuate the spirit of Aloha and contribute to the well being of our communities.

Many communities on the island of Maui exemplify these values each year when individuals and organizations gather together for the annual Maui Earth Day Festival. On Sunday, April 22, 2012, the annual Maui Earth Day Festival will be held at the Keōpūolani Park Amphitheater in Kahului, Maui. This year's theme: *Celebration, Education, Activation, Together we can do it*! offers a wonderful opportunity for our communities to come together in that spirit with others who love Maui, the Earth and our human family.

The festival highlights two live music stages, environmental and social awareness booths, a keiki area and activities, delicious food, woven plates with banana leaves, environmentally friendly vendors, local farmers market and alternative energy information. This non-profit festival is organized by an all volunteer team that encourages people from all over the island to come together to increase appreciation for the Earth's natural environment and awareness of local issues or concerns. The Senate supports and promotes policies that encourage education and environmental protection to create a better Hawai'i for all.

The Senate of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i hereby recognizes the 2012 Maui Earth Day Festival and all its participants and organizers over the years for their significant contributions in promoting environmental education and extends its aloha and best wishes in all future endeavors.

Malance Done this 22nd day of April 2012 Franne Unin alarland State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawai'i J. Kalani English, Sponsoring Senator

