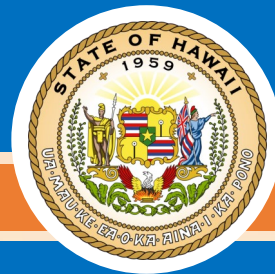




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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you and your families are doing well and your children are enjoying their first days back in school. I recently returned home from a trip to Montana where I attended the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Council of State Governments - West. I had the opportunity to learn and share ideas about education with colleagues from other state Legislatures from the western part of the United States, and look forward to introducing meaningful legislation to improve education in Hawai'i.

In the meantime, my office continues to draft bills and resolutions for introduction next year. If you have any ideas for legislation, please feel free to send them to me.

I also encourage you to sign up for my e-mail list by visiting the link provided below, or by scanning the QR code with your phone. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (808) 586-9460 or via e-mail at repokimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov. Mahalo for the honor and privilege to serve you and Mililani.

Sincerely, *Val*

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Above - In mid-July, Rep. Okimoto attended the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Council of State Governments - West in Montana, where she was able to learn and share ideas about education with other legislators from the western part of the United States.



Above Left - Congratulations to Nicholas Santiago who earned the prestigious Eagle Scout Award at his Court of Honor on August 16, 2019.



Above Right - On August 7, 2019, Rep. Okimoto attended a Flying "V" Ceremony in honor of Colonel William P. Keelan, New Zealand Army, who is the incoming 25th Infantry Division Deputy Commander - Interoperability at Schofield Barracks.

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Save Lives in September



Blood Bank of Hawaii

Every day, 200 blood donations are needed in Hawaii. By giving one hour of your time, you can save up to three lives by donating blood.

Listed below are the upcoming blood drives in Mililani in September. To schedule an appointment or check on drive information, call 848-4770 or visit bloodbanktough.org.

09/02/19 - Mililani Marketplace - Bloodmobile - 7:00-11:00 a.m.

09/15/19 - Mililani Marketplace - Bloodmobile - 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

09/18/19 - Mililani Marketplace - Bloodmobile - 3:00-7:00 p.m.

09/21/19 - Mililani Marketplace - Bloodmobile - 7 a.m.- Noon

09/28/19 - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Mililani Hawaii Stake - Cultural Hall - 2:00-6:00 pm

Follow Blood Bank of Hawaii on social media for updates and info on blood drives near you:

- [Facebook.com/BloodBankHawaii/](https://www.facebook.com/BloodBankHawaii/)
- [Instagram.com/BloodBankHawaii/](https://www.instagram.com/BloodBankHawaii/)

Drives subject to change.

Mililani Recognized as a Tree City USA



Mililani Town and Ohana Military Communities were both named as 2018 Tree City USA by the State of Hawai'i and the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of their commitment to effective urban forest management. These communities achieved Tree City USA status by assembling a tree board for their community, implementing a tree-care ordinance, maintaining an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and by organizing an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Mililani Town welcomed its new designation as a Tree City USA by planting the first of many fruit-bearing trees for its growing community fruit forest.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. With the guidance of the Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program, the state of Hawai'i has been proudly participating in the Tree City USA program since 1976.

Trees not only help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, they are vital for climate change mitigation, storm management, they increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide wildlife habitat among many other benefits.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Top Left - Congratulations to Wal-Mart Mililani on their 25th Anniversary (August 2, 2019).



Top Right - On August 2, 2019, Rep. Okimoto attended Kamalani Academy's Ho'olaulea to mark the beginning of the new school year.



Bottom Right - On August 8, 2019, Rep. Okimoto gave a speech to young leaders from Seoul National University attending a workshop in Honolulu.