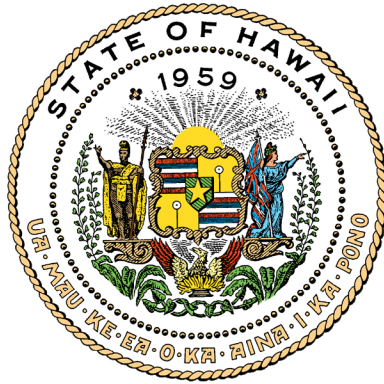




Proclamation

WHEREAS, the sharing of ideas and information helps build mutual understanding and strengthen the values that connect our communities; and

WHEREAS, access to relevant, reliable information in today's rapidly evolving media environment is essential to an informed and engaged citizenry; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i, local outlets include 'Ōlelo Community Media, Akakū Maui Community Media, Hō'ike Kaua'i Community Media and Nā Leo TV; and

WHEREAS, such community media organizations provide accessible platforms for Hawai'i's diverse communities to tell their stories, learn from one another and create new stories together; and

WHEREAS, community media organizations provide information and programming that is relevant locally and which may not be covered by mainstream or commercial media; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages and backgrounds can be equipped with the skills, technology and resources to create, share and thoughtfully engage with knowledge and ideas through media; and

WHEREAS, community media is an important resource for informed participation in local government, public policy and civic life; and

WHEREAS, locally based media connects residents with community organizations and schools, as well as local and state government, therefore strengthening communication and public engagement; and

WHEREAS, greater awareness of the diverse and valuable programming available through Hawai'i's public, educational and governmental access channels can expand audiences and participation; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's communities benefit when more people have the opportunity to create, access and engage with media made by and for the communities it serves.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2026, to be

"COMMUNITY MEDIA DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in acknowledging the importance of community media and exploring the invaluable resources and programming that these outlets provide.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-ninth day of September 2026.


Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i