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Subject: [mtsg-oceania-iucn] Hawaiian Prayer and Blessing for July 4, 2020- Composed and Shared by Kahu Danny Akaka

Dear Oceania-Pacific Island Recipients: For the first time in 30 years the annual Turtle Independence Day community celebration at the Mauna Lani Resort had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. I asked Kahu Danny Akaka, the originator of this special event, if he would compose a Hawaiian Prayer and Blessing reflecting on our inability to all be safely together this year on July 4th tomorrow. Please see the following in the Hawaiian language and translated into English. Mahalo Danny with Deep Appreciation.

Happy to compose and to share a Hawaiian prayer and blessing in regards to our Honu along with all of our Aumākua who watch over and guide and protect us and our 'ohana especially during challenging times. Please find the Pule below.

E ko mākou Makua i loko o ka Lani, a me ke Keiki a me ka 'Uhane Hemolele. E nā 'Aumākua, e nā Kini Akua, e nā Kūpuna.

He mahalo nui no kēia Honua nani a me nā mea ola a pau Āu i haku 'ia no ka pono o kākou e ola ai. He pule aloha kēia a me ka nonoi aku nei iā 'Oe e ke Akua no ka mālama 'ana o kākou a pau, ko mau pulapula a me ka ho'opōmaika'i o nā mea a pau e ola ai ma ka Honua nei, i kēia wā kupaianaha. E mālama no ho'i mai i nā Honu o ke kai. O ka Honu no ho'i, he hō'ailona no kākou a pau i ke ola mau a me ka mana'olana. He 'aumakua no e kia'i mai a e pale aku i ka mea 'ino ma ke kai. 'O 'oe ke Akua o nā mea a pau. O ke ola o mākou a pau iā 'Oukou e.

'Āmama, ua noa. Lele nā pule. Lele wale aku la. Amene

Translation:

To the Heavenly Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To all of our Ancestral spiritual guardians, the many parts of God, and to our beloved Ancestors,

We are truly grateful for this beautiful Earth and all of its living beings of which you have created for all to live and to thrive. This is our heartfelt prayer and sincere request dear Lord, to watch over us all, your offspring, and the blessing upon all living things in these extraordinary and challenging times. Please especially bless the Honu. As the Honu indeed, remain as our symbol of survival and hope. The Honu serve as our 'aumākua, to help guard us from the perils and the challenges of the sea. You are the Lord and the Creator of All things. Our lives and wellbeing are dependent upon You All (including our Aumākua and our Kūpuna).

Our prayer is complete. Let our sincere prayers fly to Thee and to be accepted.

Amen

Danny and Anna Akaka at the 30th Turtle Independence Day Honu Release on July 4, 2019.



For historical information about Turtle Independence Day at Mauna Lani, please visit:

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