

Pledge To Our Keiki was created by students from Malama Honua PCS in Waimanalo and Aka'ula School on Moloka'i to capture the views and hopes of how the youth of Hawaii would like visitors to experience and treat their island home. We know that other residents, businesses and organizations feel similarly and so we invite you to support their vision for Hawaii by signing their Pledge.

PLEDGE TO OUR KEIKI

From our elders we have learned we are part of the environment, not above it. The life, lands, and waters are more than just our surroundings, they are our family.

From our children we will learn that Hawai'i is not inherited from our ancestors but borrowed from our future generations.

So when you are welcomed here, you become part of this 'ohana that is responsible for us and our island home too. Just as we, *nā keiki o ka 'āina*, the children of Hawai'i, pledge to care for these islands, we ask that you make this pledge to us:

For a rare and endangered place, where a destructive foreign species is introduced every day—I will bring only what is invited and be mindful of where I explore.

For an island community that defines wealth not by what is kept, but what is shared—I will give my respect and leave what is not mine to take.

For an indigenous culture that has evolved with these islands, both unique and intertwined in their existence—I will experience sacred places and practices with a bowed head and open heart.

For this birthplace of aloha that typically welcomes more visitors than has residents—I will live aloha, tread lightly amongst this beauty and make it cleaner than I found it.

For a Hawaiian people whose ancestors sailed here using only the stars to guide them in search of islands to sustain them—I will learn from your legacy and support your ongoing voyage toward sustainability.

The Movers & Shakas program has signed the *Pledge To Our Keiki*, with additional commitments:

For the health of our residents, other visitors, and myself, we will demonstrate compassion for all by graciously abiding by local public health authority guidelines.

For the good of Hawai'i, we will be generous with knowledge and expertise to those that seek it, knowing that we will leave only a legacy of good works in the wake of our departure.