



*Special Message from
Governor David Y. Ige*

In Recognition of

Pokai Bay Self-Help Housing Project

June 20, 2017

On behalf of the people of the State of Hawai'i, I would like to congratulate everyone involved in helping to make home ownership possible with the Pokai Bay Self-Help Housing Project in Wai'anae. Today's groundbreaking of the first phase of 12 homes is just the beginning of a planned 70-unit development.

Housing our 'ohana remains one of the greatest challenges for Hawai'i but together, we are moving forward—step by step, person by person, family by family. Through the dedicated partnership of both public and private organizations, affordable homeownership here in Pokai Bay has come to fruition. Self-help housing programs such as these provide families with the necessary professional guidance and financing along with an opportunity to invest sweat equity to construct their own homes. Under these State-assisted self-help housing programs, more than 100 homes in five different projects have been built throughout the state since 2006.

We are committed to continuing on this path of collaboration with the city, federal government and private and non-profit sectors, and we look forward to more successful public-private partnerships to increase the supply of housing in Hawai'i.

Congratulations to all who have worked diligently to get hard-working families closer to their dream of home ownership so that future generations can choose to call Hawai'i home.

With warmest regards,

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i