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Public encouraged to participate in dedication of moku signs

LĪHU'E - The County of Kaua'i and the Kaua'i Nui Kuapapa team invite the Kaua'i community - kama'āina and malihini alike - to participate in the blessing ceremony and unveiling of the island's new moku signs on Friday, May 30, 2014 at precisely 12 noon.

"For the past two weeks the Kaua'i Nui Kuapapa team has been meeting with residents in each moku to roll out this effort and build awareness and identity within each of Kaua'i's moku," stated Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr. "Placing these signs will be the first visual reminder of this incredible program that will allow us to once again embrace and utilize Kaua'i's traditional land divisions."

The signs are being placed along Kūhiō and Kaumuali'i highways at the points of entry and exit of each of the five moku on the island of Kaua'i. In addition, a sign representing the moku of Ni'ihau will be placed at MacArthur Park in Kekaha.

"We invite community members to bring pū, or conch shells, to blow as part of the ceremony," said Keao NeSmith, Executive Partner, of Nā Hōkū Welo which is managing the project.

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The ceremonies will take place at the following locations:

PUNA – KO‘OLAU

- Location: Anahola Marketplace
- Parking: Mauka (mountain) side of Kūhiō Highway. Please park in designated parking areas at the Anahola Marketplace and walk to the moku sign; participants may stand behind the fence, near the huluhuli Chicken Stand; all participants need to stay 10 feet inland of Kūhiō Highway. Traffic assistance may be provided.

KO‘OLAU – HALELE‘A

- Location: Kaua‘i Mini Golf Park, also known as Aina Hou
- Parking: Mauka (mountain) side of Kūhiō Highway. Please park at the Kaua‘i Mini Golf Park and walk to the moku sign on the lawn in front of the Mini Golf. All participants need to stay 10 feet inland of Kūhiō Highway.

HALELE‘A – NĀPALI

- Location: Kē‘ē Beach State Park
- Parking: Please park at designated parking areas at Kē‘ē State Park and walk to the Moku sign.

NĀPALI – KONA

- Location: Polihale State Park, near the last pavilion
- Parking: Please park at designated parking areas at Polihale State Park; alongside the roadway and walk to the Moku sign.

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NI'HAU

- Location: Ko'opueo, also known as MacArthur Park, Kekaha
- Parking: Please park at the MacArthur Park

KONA – PUNA

- Location: Due to safety conditions the blessing event will take place at Kāhili Mountain Park on the big lawn.
- Parking: Enter the park on the private road, Mauka (mountain) side of Kaumuali'i Highway. Drive down private dirt road, go around the right side of the pond; park on the grass area in front of the main office building; the event will be on the big lawn at the entrance of the park.

The following protocol will be followed for the blessing ceremony and unveiling of moku signage:

- 12 noon: Blowing of pū (conch shells) 6 (six) times (to represent the 6 moku of Kaua'i County) towards Mt. Wai'ale'ale;
- Oli (chant) for Kaua'i, the moku and/or Kaua'i's ali'i;
- Speech offered by a dignitary of the community;
- Unveiling of the moku sign;
- Ho'okupu (offering) by the community;
- Blowing of pū to end the ceremony

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To learn more about the Kaua'i Nui Kuapapa project, please visit www.kauainuikuapapa.com.

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