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**Hawaii's first coordinated Volunteer Week to kick off with statewide action April 15-22**

*Kanu Hawaii, alongside local nonprofits and community groups, to celebrate and grow the impact of volunteer participation across Hawaii*

HONOLULU, HAWAII – Kanu Hawaii is collaborating with dozens of local nonprofits throughout the state for Hawaii's first coordinated celebration of National Volunteer Week. With thousands of volunteers expected to turn out from April 15-22, Kanu and its partners in this effort are building on a rising tide of commitment to service and engagement in our community.

“Hawaii ranks near the bottom nationally in volunteerism coming in at 45th and at 22% per capita. As the purveyors of aloha we can do much better,” said Keone Kealoha, executive director of Kanu Hawaii. “We see participation in Volunteer Week as an opportunity to connect our community through the lens of volunteerism, identify challenges and develop strategic solutions around how we can increase our relationship in this important area of social equity.”



With Kanu's encouragement, the Hawaii State Legislature recently passed a [resolution](#) officially recognizing National Volunteer Week in Hawaii, adding even more momentum to this effort. The focus of this week is to celebrate the impact of volunteer service across Hawaii, to participate by sharing our mana and aloha, and encourage others to join in. We hope to partner with events happening on every island to highlight our collective impact for the greater good and foster a shared sense of connectedness among us all.

**How to get involved:**

Volunteer your time!

Visit [www.kanuhawaii.org/participate/](http://www.kanuhawaii.org/participate/), where you can enter your info to be matched with a volunteer opportunity based on your location and group size, or search the posted opportunities at [www.kanuhawaii.org/volunteer-week-hawaii-map/](http://www.kanuhawaii.org/volunteer-week-hawaii-map/).

Host a volunteer event!

Visit [www.kanuhawaii.org/participate-host-an-event/](http://www.kanuhawaii.org/participate-host-an-event/), where you can:

- Find volunteers
- List your event to be counted as a part of the movement
- Sign up for volunteer training help for your site

For more information, visit [www.VolunteerWeekHawaii.org](http://www.VolunteerWeekHawaii.org) and watch #volunteerweekhawaii #kanuhawaii #ohanahou. Volunteer Week Hawaii -- it's a kakou thing.

[Click here to download the Hawaii State Legislature's 2018 resolution recognizing National Volunteer Week in Hawaii.](#)

### **About Kanu Hawaii**

Kanu Hawaii empowers people to build more environmentally sustainable, compassionate, and resilient communities rooted in personal commitments to change. Launched in 2008, Kanu Hawaii is a movement of everyday people, working to protect and promote the things that make Hawaii special - a connection to the aina, a culture of aloha, and local self-reliance. We strive toward change rooted in kuleana (responsibility) - a commitment to "be the change" even as we encourage change in others. Tens of thousands have joined the movement, committing to change in their own lives and standing together in campaigns focused on compassion, energy, food, waste, and civic engagement. For more information about Kanu Hawaii, visit [www.kanuhawaii.org](http://www.kanuhawaii.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [Twitter](#), [Flickr](#) and [Pinterest](#).

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