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Public invited to submit nominations for 2022 Outstanding Older Americans

LĪHU'E – Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami and the Agency on Elderly Affairs (AEA) invites the public to submit nominations for the 2022 Outstanding Older Americans recognition.

"Every May, during Older Americans Month, we pay tribute to older adults 65 years and older who play vital, positive roles in our communities – as family members, friends, mentors, volunteers, civic leaders, members of the workforce, and more," said Kealoha Takahashi, Executive for the Agency on Elderly Affairs.

This year's theme, "Age My Way," focuses on how older adults can age in their communities, living independently for as long as possible and participating in ways they choose. It's an opportunity for all of us to explore the many ways older adults can remain in and be involved with their communities.

"Just as every person is unique, how they age and how they choose to do it is also unique – there is no right way," said Takahashi.

Diverse communities are strong communities. Ensuring that older adults remain involved and included in our communities for as long as possible benefits everyone. As AEA prepares to celebrate Older Americans Month in May, officials are seeking nominations for this year's Outstanding Older Americans recognition. Please join AEA in strengthening our community and help recognize and honor Kaua'i's outstanding older adults.

Nomination forms are available at the Agency on Elderly Affairs, Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The AEA is located at the Līhu'e Civic Center, Pi'ikoi Building, Suite 330. Interested individuals must call the AEA at 241-4470 to access the building. Nomination forms can also be emailed by contacting AEA at 241-4470 or <a href="mailto:elderlyaffairs@kauai.gov">elderlyaffairs@kauai.gov</a>.

The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, Feb. 25, by close of business.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, call 241-4470 as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request.

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