



Special Message from Governor David Y. Ige

In Recognition of

Storytelling Solutions

Rising Voices 4 Workshop

July 6 - 8, 2016

On behalf of the people of the State of Hawai'i, *aloha* and welcome to participants of "**Storytelling Solutions**," a workshop coordinated by Rising Voices, in partnership with Pacific Risk Management 'Ohana (PRiMO). The island of Hawai'i was targeted for this event because it offers networking opportunities for social and physical scientists to "talk story" with the indigenous community in order to integrate traditional knowledge and modern science while seeking innovative solutions to issues related to climate change.

The Rising Voices: Collaborative Science for Climate Solutions Program at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) was established "to identify and define research and community priorities and to enable and promote important collaboration with indigenous communities." PRiMO brings together people and organizations from the Pacific Islands to channel their efforts toward becoming more resilient to natural and man-made challenges.

The event's venue gives voice not only to scientists, but to community members who share native Hawaiian cultural protocols, community needs and priorities. It also encourages participation by local students and early career scientists who will be introduced to leaders in atmospheric and earth science as well as to native Hawaiian experts with traditional knowledge and practices to address current challenges.

Mahalo to Rising Voices and PriMo IKE Hui for coordinating this event and for your efforts in assembling a diverse audience in an inclusive environment. I send my best wishes for success in all your future endeavors.

With warmest regards,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i