

NEWS RELEASE

Joint statement of Major General Kenneth S. Hara, Maui County Mayor Richard T. Bissen Jr., Hawaiian Electric President and CEO Shelee M.T. Kimura

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Aloha,

Three weeks after the devastation of Lahaina, we are still working to recover and to strengthen our defenses against future weather-driven emergencies, including windstorms and wildfires. The safety of Maui residents, businesses and visitors is the top priority of our government agencies and our dedicated state and county teams, supported by many partners in our community, including Hawaiian Electric.

With high winds and severe drought conditions continuing to threaten parts of Maui, we are working together to minimize the risk of wildfire and ensure public safety.

In our lifetimes, Hawai'i has never been tested like this. We will do what we have always done when confronted by hardship and heartbreak – we will stand together for our people and communities and work to keep them safe.

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