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**NEW PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT HAWAII'S SEXUAL ASSAULT
KIT INITIATIVE LETS SURVIVORS KNOW THEY ARE NOT ALONE**

HONOLULU – Attorney General Doug Chin and the state of Hawaii's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (Hawaii SAKI) multidisciplinary team today announced the launch of a Public Service Announcement (PSA) video under *Project Mālama Kākou*.

Project Mālama Kākou was created as a result of Act 207 (2016), passed by the state legislature and signed into law by Governor David Ige, which assembled a statewide multidisciplinary team of victim services providers, crime lab personnel, police officials, and prosecutors to comprehensively reform the testing of sexual assault kits in Hawaii in a caring and victim-centered manner.

Attorney General Chin said: "This public service announcement is an important next step for reaching out to sexual assault survivors. We recently launched the *Project Mālama Kākou* website to let survivors know they are not alone and there is information and support available for them."

The PSA will be hosted on the Attorney General's *Project Mālama Kākou* website at ag.hawaii.gov/hisaki and will be distributed using social media, email and more. The video features Attorney General Chin representing law enforcement and Ms. Chelsea Crapser, Director of Crisis and Prevention Services of the YWCA of Kauai, representing victim support providers.

A joint statement from **Chelsea Crapser, Director of Crisis and Prevention Services at the YWCA of Kauai** and **Renae Hamilton-Cambeilh, Executive Director of the YWCA of Kauai** said, "As service providers, it is our sincere hope that every individual knows there are support services and resources available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The *Mālama Kākou* Project is the result of collaboration to better serve sex assault survivors by implementing a new process for statewide testing of Sex Assault Kits. This process allows police, prosecutors, advocates and victim counselors to work together to provide comprehensive support. We are grateful for the collaborative spirit of this group, but most of all, we acknowledge the strength of every survivor who has come forward."

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