



## **HAWAI'I CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION**

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### **STATE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION CALLS ON HAWAI'I TO OPPOSE NATIONAL TREND OF DISCRIMINATORY HARASSMENT**

**HONOLULU** – The Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) today announced that Chair Linda Hamilton Krieger called on the people of Hawai'i to stand against the reported rise in the incidence of discriminatory harassment and intimidation. "National reports of a spike in anti-immigrant, anti-Black, anti-LGBT, anti-Muslim, and anti-woman harassment in the wake of the Presidential election raise serious concerns," said Krieger. "But our values are different here in Hawai'i, and we must be vigilant in protecting them. In our diversity, we must continue to embrace the value of human dignity expressed in the Native Hawaiian saying, 'aloha aku, aloha mai' – to respect and to receive respect. When things get tough, we must resist the temptation to turn on the most vulnerable among us and instead live the value, 'mālama kekahi i kekahi' – to care for one another."

"In these trying times, minorities face attacks not seen since post-9/11 attacks on Muslims and Arab Americans." added HCRC Executive Director William Hoshijo. "Those who share a commitment to civil rights must stand up for those who cannot stand alone."

"It is offensive that proponents of a 'Muslim registration' system cite the World War II internment of Japanese Americans as precedent to justify government targeting of an unpopular minority, in this case based on religion rather than race or ancestry," said HCRC Commissioner Liann Ebesugawa. "Our Constitution guarantees equal protection of the laws to all. Never again should we make exceptions on the basis of race, national origin, or religion."

The Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission is responsible for enforcing, and will enforce, state civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and state-funded services. The HCRC stands in opposition to discriminatory harassment, whether in schools, workplaces, places of business, or in our communities.

If you feel you have been subjected to discrimination or harassment because of your race, ancestry, sexual orientation, religion, sex, including gender identity, or other prohibited bases, contact the HCRC at: telephone (808) 586-8636, or email [DLIR.HCRC.INFOR@hawaii.gov](mailto:DLIR.HCRC.INFOR@hawaii.gov).

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