

Resolution

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RECOGNIZING SEAMAN THEODORE
KIRKBRIDE OF STATION MAUI FOR BEING
HONORED AS THE UNITED STATES COAST
GUARD'S ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR
2021

WHEREAS, Seaman Theodore Kirkbride of Coast Guard Station Maui has been honored as the United States Coast Guard's Enlisted Person of the Year 2021; and

WHEREAS, this year's esteemed award was bestowed upon Seaman Kirkbride for his leadership, volunteerism, and assistance with more than a dozen search-and-rescue cases, saving at least 22 lives; and

WHEREAS, among other acts of heroism, Seaman Kirkbride used his training and experience to administer life-saving oxygen to a snorkeler and assisted in the towing of a disabled vessel 25 miles to safety with six mariners onboard, saving an estimated \$50,000 in property value; and

WHEREAS, born in San Diego, California, Seaman Kirkbride completed Coast Guard boot camp in 2018, and his first orders were to Station Maui, where he developed a love and skills for emergency response; and

WHEREAS, Seaman Kirkbride has displayed leadership, sound judgment, and maturity and earned qualifications not normally held by junior members, such as becoming certified as a coxswain, the person in charge of navigation and steering for the station's small- and medium-response boats; and

WHEREAS, as a nationally registered emergency medical technician, Seaman Kirkbride has used his medical skills on numerous calls, and provided first-aid training to many; and

WHEREAS, during an unusually high transfer season, Seaman Kirkbride displayed unparalleled initiative, creating training programs certifying three coxswain and four boat crew members, which enhanced Station Maui's ability to maintain readiness; and

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WHEREAS, Seaman Kirkbride has dedicated himself to serving the Maui community as a volunteer in a peer-driven stress management group, Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), leading grief-counseling sessions in the County of Maui for more than 300 participants. He has also dedicated more than 100 hours volunteering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maui, and he spends quality time surfing and skateboarding with his "Little," Aldrej; and

WHEREAS, Seaman Kirkbride can also be found enjoying humorous conversations with his friend Eddie, a home-bound senior who participates in the Our Kupuna program, which serves the elderly community throughout Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Seaman Kirkbride serves as an outstanding role model for others at Station Maui and provides leadership, inspiration, kindness, and commitment to the Maui County community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it recognizes Seaman Theodore Kirkbride for being honored as the United States Coast Guard's Enlisted Person of the Year 2021; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Theodore Kirkbride, Seaman, United States Coast Guard Station Maui; Malia Chasteen, Senior Chief Petty Officer, United States Coast Guard Station Maui; Courtney Ikawa, Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maui; Gabe Amey, Founder and Director, Our Kupuna; the Honorable Joseph B. Biden, President of the United States; the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawai'i; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.