

Resolution

No. 26-7

CONGRATULATING MAUI COUNTY
HEALTHCARE HONOREES AND SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED AT THE 2025
HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII
AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP GALA

WHEREAS, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, established in 1939, supports healthcare providers by advancing quality and cost-effective care, workforce development, and education across the healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, qualified healthcare professionals provide a critical service to our community, while the healthcare industry offers diverse employment opportunities for the local workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii held its annual Awards and Scholarship Gala on October 25, 2025, at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel; and

WHEREAS, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii's annual gala is part of its annual Healthcare Heroes celebration, highlighting individuals whose behind-the-scenes efforts made a meaningful impact on Hawai'i's healthcare community; and

WHEREAS, Anna Liza Casabay, a registered nurse at Kula Hospital, received the Professional With Heart Healthcare Hero Award for exceptional dedication to compassionate, high-quality care; and

WHEREAS, Casabay has spent the majority of her 32 years caring for individuals in the Hospital's Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Garcia, lead intake coordinator at Hospice Maui, Inc., received the Distinguished Service Award for Non-Clinical Support Staff in recognition of dedication, innovation, and service; and

WHEREAS, throughout Garcia's 25 years with Hospice Maui, Inc., Garcia provided a calm, reassuring voice as the first point of contact for many patients and families facing serious illness; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Lester Coloma of Kālele Care Services, in partnership with Hale Makua Health Services, received the Peer Award in Public Health in recognition of tireless advocacy for patients; and

WHEREAS, for three years, Coloma has helped patients transition safely from Hale Makua Health Services back to their homes; and

WHEREAS, Maria Eliza Sanado, Social Services Assistant with Hale Makua Health Services, was awarded a scholarship to pursue a Master of Social Work degree; and

WHEREAS, Kiara Bell of 'Ohana Care Maui and Mary Jane Baldevieso of Maui Memorial Medical Center were also awarded scholarships; now, therefore,

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

1. That the Council congratulates all Maui County honorees and scholarship recipients recognized at the 2025 Healthcare Association of Hawaii Awards and Scholarship Gala; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Anna Liza Casabay; Cindy Garcia; Richard Lester Coloma; Maria Eliza Sanado; Kiara Bell; Mary Jane Baldevieso; Nicole Apoliona, M.D., Chair, 2025 Maui County Healthcare Stakeholders' Summit; Lynn Fulton, Maui Health System Chief Executive Officer; Wes Lo, Hale Makua Health Services Chief Executive Officer; Melani Dwyer, Hospice Maui, Inc. Chief Executive Officer; Jessika Galvez, Ohana Care Maui Chief Executive Officer; the Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Governor, State of Hawai'i; and the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor, County of Maui.

INTRODUCED BY:

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