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### **Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Director to Resign in May**

HONOLULU – Governor Neil Abercrombie today announced Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Director Alapaki Nahale-a will leave the department on May 15, 2012. His resignation was accepted this afternoon.

“Working for state government at this level has been a rewarding experience but also taxing on a number of levels,” said Director Nahale-a. “While I am proud of all that we’ve accomplished so far, the decision for me to move on is what I believe is best for my family, which is my number one priority.”

Director Nahale-a will assist in transitioning his successor following the legislative session. Governor Abercrombie will immediately begin the search for a replacement.

“Alapaki is a man who has and will do good things for Hawai'i, especially Native Hawaiians. While I am saddened by his resignation, I am very proud of the work that he has done,” stated Governor Abercrombie. “He has reminded me of the sacrifice that many state workers are making to better Hawai'i and I appreciate the dedication and performance that is still being given under challenging circumstances.”

Director Nahale-a added, “I want to thank the many beneficiaries, staff, and especially the Governor for their support as we worked to incorporate New Day initiatives at DHHL while staying true to the trust established by Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole.”

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