



# *The Hawai'i State Legislature*

hereby presents this certificate to

## HONOR AND CONGRATULATE THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS UPON THE BLESSING OF THE YORKTOWN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROJECT

Yorktown's story is one of reuse and renewal in Kalaeloa. Originally built as housing quarters for visiting U.S. Navy officers, the property remained primarily unoccupied for many years. Through thoughtful and strategic renovation, an existing facility has been restored and refreshed to serve a clear purpose—offering a safe, supportive place for beneficiaries on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' (DHHL) residential waitlist to reset and move forward.

Located on DHHL landholdings in Kalaeloa, the Yorktown transitional housing project includes 18 studio units, a shared laundry room, and office space. Yorktown will now offer a practical stepping stone toward longer term stability.

Yorktown also reflects progress in how housing projects can move from planning to delivery. As the first DHHL project completed through an in-house permitting process, it demonstrates how streamlined and coordinated efforts can reduce delays to get housing open sooner.

DHHL carries out Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians by returning them to the land. Established by the U.S. Congress in 1921 through the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, the Hawaiian homesteading program run by DHHL includes management of more than 200,000 acres of land statewide with the specific purpose of developing and delivering homesteading.

The Hawai'i State Legislature honors and extends sincere gratitude to the **Department of Hawaiian Home Lands** for its leadership in bringing the **Yorktown Transitional Housing Project** to completion. Mahalo nui to the staff, partners, and community members whose work made this renovation possible. May Yorktown be a place of aloha, comfort, and stability as it opens the door to new beginnings for all who seek shelter there.

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