

**MESSAGE FROM
U.S. SENATOR MAZIE K. HIRONO**

**In honor of “E Hō Mai Ka ‘Ike”
Celebrating the Launch of the Edith Kanāka‘ole Quarter**

May 6, 2023

Aloha and welcome to everyone attending today’s event celebrating the official release of the Edith Kanāka‘ole Quarter.

As a renowned kumu hula, Edith Kanāka‘ole and her family have played a vital role in the revitalization and perpetuation of Hawaiian language, culture, traditions, and history. It is fitting that she be honored with this special recognition.

The American Women Quarters Program, features designs celebrating the work of trailblazing women from different fields and backgrounds. These quarters honor their achievements and legacies. I am proud that Hawaii’s very own Aunty Edith Kanāka‘ole and her remarkable life is being shared and celebrated nationwide through this program.

Mahalo to the Edith Kanāka‘ole Foundation, the Smithsonian, and the U.S. Mint for their work to bring this quarter into circulation and to share the legacy of Edith Kanāka‘ole with our school children and community. My best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable commemoration.

Aloha,



Mazie K. Hirono
United States Senator