

Dedication

This report is dedicated to:

- ▶ The people of Hawaii County who deserve improved health and improved access to high quality healthcare.
- ▶ Earl and Doris Bakken for all that they and their organizations have done to improve health, quality of life, and healthcare for the people of Hawaii County.
- ▶ The new *Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance* whose mission is:
To develop and promote consensus agreements and recommendations for improving access to quality healthcare services on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Our hope is that this report will help catalyze the conversations and commitment, which will ultimately lead to shared vision, action and improved health status in North Hawaii, Hawaii County and Hawaii State.

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