



TODAY'S HAWAIIAN WORD IS:

## Ho'omana'o

*To remember, To turn the mind upon; to remember that which is past; to commemorate.*

In mid July, The Queen's Health System commemorates the founding of The Queen's Hospital, our flagship hospital. This year we **ho'omana'o** the culmination of 164 years since the Charter of Corporation of The Queen's Hospital was signed on June 20, 1859, the laying of the corner stone on July 17, 1860, and the official opening of the hospital in December 1860.

Each year, we **ho'omana'o** these events on the Friday closest to July 17th. We honor our founders, King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma, for their vision, fortitude and undying commitment to care for their people and, really, all the people in the Kingdom of Hawai'i.

Native Hawaiian Health, along with our sister department, DEIJCW (Diversity, Equity, Inclusions, Social Justice and Caregiver Wellness), have adjusted the work we do to **ho'omana'o** these important milestones in our history. We have transitioned from a one day celebration on Friday to a week long celebration that includes a Heritage Day meal for all employees, tours of Mauna 'Ala (The Royal Mausoleum) as well as the very popular Mid-day Mana'o Heritages Series (starting today). Everyone can tune in to the live stream and life feed (check your email for more information) on Friday and celebrate virtually.

I leave you with just a few words that King Kamehameha IV spoke at the ceremony for the laying of the corner stone on July 17, 1860 (163 years ago today):

“Thus we are all gathered here today....The Hawaiians are poor, they are sick, they are friendless. Here are their fortune—to be tended to until they are in good health....it is indeed proper for me this day to be the one to express publicly...the aloha of the people for this great blessing they have gained, and to show their appreciation to all those who have made donations, and assisted in this fine work, the building of The Queen's Hospital.”

You are a vital part of this legacy. You are valued. We honor our founders and we honor each and everyone of you for your contributions to care for our patients, one another and the communities we serve.

Be healthy, my friends. E ola!

**Liana Honda**

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