

hereby presents this certificate to

LEA ALBERT

WHEREAS, the Department of Education serves Hawaii's public school students in 255 schools across seven islands, which are divided into fifteen complex areas;

WHEREAS, Ms. Lea Albert has dedicated her career to public education in Hawaii, starting as a teacher at Waialua High and Intermediate in 1968, then moving to a vice principal position at Kahuku High and Elementary, principal at Sunset Beach Elementary, principal of Kahuku High and Elementary/Kahuku High and Intermediate, and district superintendent of Windward Oahu schools.

WHEREAS, in 1990, Ms. Albert received the National Milken Educator Award, which honors top educators for their exceptional accomplishments and strong long-range leadership potential.

WHEREAS, in 2002 Ms. Albert was appointed as complex area superintendent of the Castle-Kahuku Complex Area. The complex area superintendent is an essential and influential leadership position that serves as a crucial junction between state leadership and schools;

WHEREAS, Ms. Albert's outstanding leadership has enriched the lives of students, staff, families, and communities by creating a welcoming and high-quality educational environment specially designed to meet the needs of the Castle-Kahuku Complex Area;

WHEREAS, Ms. Albert has cultivated pride in an entire community by inspiring staff, encouraging and motivating students, and actively involving parents and stakeholders.

WHEREAS, under Ms. Albert's leadership, the Castle-Kahuku Complex Area has moved to the forefront of 21st Century education thanks to her innovative and pioneering ideas and accomplishments, clearing of pathways, setting of precedents, perpetual caring, and instilling and living a culture where the theme is "Everyone a Leader, Everyone a Learner."

WHEREAS, the commitment, dedication, and abilities of Ms. Albert has enabled the Board of Education and Department of Education to provide an outstanding public education and proudly serve the children of Hawaii; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii Board of Education hereby, extends its deepest and most heartfelt appreciation to LEA ALBERT for her dedicated and longstanding contribution to the education of Hawaii's children with a spirit of aloha.

Dated this sixteenth day of June. 2015

Donald G. Horner, Chairperson