



A Special Message from
Governor Josh Green, M.D.

In Recognition of the
Blue Planet Foundation

2024 Cronkite Award for Ocean Champions

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On behalf of the people of Hawai'i, I extend my congratulations to Henk Rogers on receiving the 2024 Cronkite Award for Ocean Champions. Blue Planet Foundation has been instrumental in advancing renewable energy and sustainability, helping to set a powerful example not only for our islands but for communities around the world.

Hawai'i's bold commitment to 100% renewable energy was a groundbreaking achievement, thanks in large part to the vision and dedication of Blue Planet Foundation. This goal, once thought ambitious, has since become a model for other states and territories across the nation. The organization's continued work to inspire similar mandates around the world demonstrates the power of community and global leadership in addressing our climate crisis.

As we reflect on the challenges facing our oceans and our planet, it is crucial that we remain committed to setting and achieving the highest environmental goals. The fight against climate change is urgent, and the work of organizations being honored at New York Climate Week provides us with hope and a clear path forward. Together, we are creating a future where clean energy, sustainability, and environmental stewardship are the cornerstones of a thriving world.

Mahalo to all who are leading the way. Your efforts ensure that island communities like Hawai'i remains a beacon of innovation and resilience in the face of our global climate crisis.

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