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# 'Iniki Mahalo Month' declared

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LIHU'E—Sept. 25 to Oct. 25 is "Iniki Mahalo Month."

During this time, says Mayor JoAnn Yukimura, Operation Mahalo will be in effect; and all residents are asked to say thanks to the military, county and state workers, disaster volunteers, and even helpful neighbors for a job well done.

"Let us give thanks to each other; let us give thanks to the power greater than us; and let us continue to rebuild and restore our lives and our beautiful island," she said.

Yukimura presented the county's first proclamation of gratitude prior to her daily press briefing yesterday to participants of Operation Garden Sweep, a clean-up effort which has been taking place over the last five days. Representatives from the military, national guard as well as state and county were present to receive recognition.

## At a glance

□ Mayor JoAnn Yukimura is asking the residents of Kaua'i to give thanks to each other and to the many people who have gone out of their way to help after Iniki's devastating blow.

"You're making such a big difference in the appearance of our community," she said. "It's been a most remarkable operation."

"The Guard is your community," said Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state civil defense director, and commander of the Hawai'i National Guard, emphasizing that both the Air and Army National Guard consists of Hawai'i residents. "It was a privilege and honor for us to be able to help you on the Island of Kaua'i."

The mayor said other organizations will be honored during Mahalo Month.