

Supplement to State of Hawai'i Oath/Affirmation of Office:

PEOPLE FIRST Pledge

I _____, having filed with the appropriate office of elections in oath or affirmation, to be on the ballot and faithfully serve as _____, on _____, hereby, of my own free will and in commitment to the people I will represent in office, do knowingly supplement my oath or affirmation to include the following pledge:

I pledge to uphold the Hawai'i Constitution and protect all the people in their exercise of Article I - Bill of Rights and to establish virtual or in person meetings, town halls or other public forums with my constituents as soon as reasonably possible with the intent to listen, engage and represent their concerns, if any, whenever a government action is brought to my attention with a claim that it restrains or diminishes their rights.

I will to adhere to the PEOPLE FIRST principles and apply them to my time and actions in office to ensure that the government puts people first whenever possible. To maintain accountability, I will publicly take responsibility for the actions and decisions I make.

I will pursue all checks and balances within and between the three branches of government to ensure that their power is transparent and/or accessible to the people. I will treat taxpayer money carefully and spend it frugally. I will use my voice, vote and platform to foster discussions on how to best use legislation and funds to benefit the interests of people over corporate, government, special or foreign interests.

Therefore, based on the intent and requirements of this pledge to put people first and be an accountable public servant and representative, I agree and promise to act purposefully and in good faith toward the fulfillment of my obligations, which I make without mental reservation and purpose of evasion.

(Signature)

(Date)

PEOPLE FIRST PRINCIPLES

Power of government resides in the people;
Everybody's freedom matters;
Open and transparent discourse shape our reality;
People and planet over profits and politics;
Learn to listen, love and live together;
Equality of opportunity produces better outcomes;
Family is the foundation for the future;
Invest in your communities;
Respect is the rarest commodity;
Science is a process of participation, observation and evaluation;
Trust is built on healthy relationships;