



MAHINA 'ŌLELO HAWAI'I

**Celebrate Mahina
'Ōlelo Hawai'i in the
AANAPISI Center
(RSB 12) this
February 2024**

"Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. E 'ike mau a e kapa 'ia ana ae ka mahina 'o Pepeluali 'o ia ka "Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i" i mea e ho'omaika'i a e paipai aku ai i ka 'Ōlelo 'ana o ua 'olelo makuahine nei la.

(Translation: 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Month. The month of February shall be known and designated as "Ōlelo Hawai'i Month" to celebrate and encourage the use of Hawaiian language.)

Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i or Hawaiian Language Month, celebrated annually in February, honors and promotes the rich cultural heritage of the Hawaiian language, also known as 'Ōlelo Hawai'i.

The Hawaiian language was banned from public school systems three years after the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893. And actively discouraged speaking 'ōlelo Hawai'i at home, criminalizing the Native identity and leading to generations of stigmatization in Hawaiian 'ohana (families).

In the 1970s, a revitalization of Hawaiian culture reignited interest in language learning efforts and 'Ōlelo Hawai'i was reintroduced into public school curriculums in 1978, after the language became officially recognized in the state of Hawai'i, due to the tireless efforts of our kūpuna (elders) and the Hawaiian language immersion movement.

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