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### **Hale Pulelehua Celebrates 1-Year Anniversary**

Kaneohe, HI, March 31, 2010 – Hale Pulelehua, a community center and rental studio opened by local non-profit organization, Hula Preservation Society (HPS), will be celebrating its one-year anniversary with a public Open House on Saturday April 17, 2010. Located in the Windward Business Center at 46-020 Alaloa Street in Kaneohe, Hale Pulelehua was opened on March 28, 2009 and dedicated in honor of the late Aunty Nona Beamer.

In the past year, Hale Pulelehua has become the home for several local dance troupes as well as various fitness and health classes. Improvements have continued on the space and include the installation of additional mirrors and safety measures for upcoming young children’s classes. HPS has also finalized an agreement with nearby Windward Mall for use of 20 parking stalls in its Alaloa St. lot for those attending classes or meetings at Hale Pulelehua.

It is the vision of HPS to continue the transformation of what was once a dingy warehouse garage into a full-fledged community center. The opening of Hale Pulelehua as a rental studio was the first step. Moving forward, HPS is looking to host new community programs at Hale Pulelehua including film festivals, documentary screenings, free workshops and more. In March 2010, Dancers Unlimited entered into a partnership with HPS to offer a “Furlough Friday” dance series. In May, a “Baby Hula” class now only offered in town will debut on the Windward side at Hale Pulelehua with Kumu Malia Helela.

If you would like to see Hale Pulelehua and learn more about what it has to offer, then the Open House on April 17<sup>th</sup> is the perfect time to visit! The Open House will be from 2:00pm - 5:00pm with HPS staff and volunteers onsite to greet you. Anniversary cake and light refreshments will be served and parking is available next to the RRR in the Alaloa Street lot of Windward Mall.

For more information or directions, please visit [www.halepulelehua.org](http://www.halepulelehua.org).

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