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[TEST] Team Ige's Response to the False Alarm

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Aloha Friend --

The people of Hawai'i experienced an unfortunate situation on Saturday by a false alert issued by the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency. The fact remains, a ballistic missile was not approaching our state, and we were not in any danger. The false alert was mistakenly sent by a Civil Defense employee and there was not an indication of an attack. State officials cancelled the alert, but many citizens and visitors remained concerned and worried. Governor Ige immediately investigated the cause and addressed the public to express his apologies and reiterate an assuring message:

"On Saturday, Hawai'i's residents and visitors experienced an unfortunate situation that has never happened before and will never happen again – a false alert issued by the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency that a ballistic missile was on its way to the Hawaiian Islands.

On behalf of the State of Hawai'i, I deeply apologize for this false alert that created stress, anxiety and fear of a crisis in our residents and guests.

I can personally assure each and every resident and visitor that steps have already been taken by the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency to ensure that a situation of this type never happens again.

The Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency is committed to protecting the people of Hawai'i, and over the past year it has been taking responsible measures to prepare for the highly unlikely event of a missile attack. As a state government, we must learn from this unfortunate error and continue to prepare for any safety threat to Hawai'i's residents and visitors – whether it is a man-made threat or a natural disaster such as a hurricane or tsunami.

In the next few days, I will continue meeting with our emergency preparedness team and personally talking with families, individuals and leaders from around our state to ensure we reach every household. We must also do what we can to demand peace and a de-escalation of tensions with North Korea.

Again, on behalf of the State of Hawai'i, I apologize for yesterday's events and any hardship and inconvenience this created for you, your family and loved ones."

Team Ige stands with Governor Ige and the immediate steps being taken to reach our communities and families, and his work towards improving the emergency management policies, staffing, and procedures. We are grateful that it was a false alarm, and support Governor Ige's work to turn Saturday's incident into tomorrow's better preparedness.

Mahalo,

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