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**[TEST] Celebrating Presidents Day**

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Aloha Friend --

Today we celebrate the birth of some of our country's most influential leaders: Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Both men stood tall during pivotal times in American history and helped shape this country into the land of opportunity it is today.

Washington and Lincoln served their country with distinction during times of incredible strife and division. They chose to walk paths fraught with peril, but which were ultimately in the best interests of our great nation.

It was Washington who commanded the Continental Army against the tyranny of the British and won the Revolutionary War. Lincoln freed the slaves with his signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, reinforcing the notion that all citizens deserve equal treatment under the law.



**Each of these acts took a man with strong moral character and the will to see the changes necessary to make this country great.** These two pillars of American leadership are the standard to which all elected leaders should hold themselves, which is why we recognize these men today.

Despite the incredible freedoms and rights that Washington and Lincoln worked to secure, we know that many citizens still struggle to find shelter and provide for their families here in our state.

On President's Day, let's honor these great men in words, *but also* in action. As your governor, I vow to continue fighting for the citizens of Hawai'i so that we may all fulfill the freedom of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness which these men considered to be self-evident

Mahalo,

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