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Talk story with Mayor Kenoi at Kahalu‘u Beach Park

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—May 15, 2009—Talk story with Mayor Billy Kenoi, pitch in for the ‘*aina* at Kahalu‘u Beach Park and enjoy Hawaiian entertainment, crafts and ono food at the Kahalu‘u La ‘Ike Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 23.

La ‘Ike Day is a celebration of science and culture at Kahalu‘u. Discover the community’s vision for restoring the beach park. ReefTeach and Citizen Science teams will share the importance of coral reefs and water quality monitoring in our island way of life.

Kumu Mele Waikiki will teach her *palapalai wili haku*, the art of stringless lei making, and learn the art of coconut leaf weaving from kumu Sam Kama or *ohe kapala* (bamboo stamp making) with George Place. For the kids, there will be face painting and clowning around.

The Kahalu‘u Bay Project is managed by The Kohala Center and sponsored by the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority, Keauhou Resort, Bill Healy Foundation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant College Program.