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**CALLING THE COMMUNITY: GIRL SCOUTS OF HAWAI'I REQUESTS FLOWERS
AND LEI TO HONOR FALLEN SOLDIERS WITH LEI OF ALOHA**

HONOLULU (FINAL) – On Memorial Day weekend each year, Girl Scouts of Hawai'i honors the brave members of the armed services by placing American flags and lei at the Hawai'i State Veteran's Cemetery in Kane'ohe. This year, the Girl Scouts are asking for the community's help to ensure that each of the over 11,000 interred veterans receive a Lei of Aloha with donations of lei, loose flowers or assistance with sewing lei on Saturday, May 27, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Windward Mall.

"Girl Scouts of Hawai'i is proud to continue our annual tradition of stringing and placing lei on Memorial Day weekend," said Shari Chang, CEO of Girl Scouts of Hawai'i. "It's only through the generous support of our community that our scouts are able to honor the memories of those who have protected the rights and freedom of our nation."

Donations of flowers and lei may be dropped off at Windward Mall's Center Court. Suggested flower donations are blossoms of plumeria, bougainvillea, stephanotis, or crown flowers; stalks of hardy tropical flowers and ti leaves will also be accepted (24-inches maximum).

The community is also encouraged to join Girl Scouts and their families who volunteer to sew lei, and veterans are invited to come dressed in uniform to share their histories and stories with Girl Scouts, volunteers, and mall shoppers.

About Girl Scouts of Hawai'i

Supporting almost 5,000 girl and adult members statewide, the Girl Scouts of Hawai'i (GSH) builds girls of courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place. GSH's headquarters is located on the island of O'ahu, with three neighbor island service centers on the islands of Hawai'i, Kaua'i and Maui. GSH is chartered by the national office, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and is responsible for the leadership, administration and supervision of Girl Scout programs in the State of Hawai'i. For more information about GSH, visit www.gshawaii.org or call (808) 595-8400.

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