Maui Filipino Community Council
Endorses Malulani Health & Medical Center

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Kihei, Maui (December 23, 2004*)* The Maui Filipino Community Council, representing 63 community organizations with approximately 4,000 members on Maui, has announced its strong support and endorsement of the proposed Malulani Health & Medical Center.

The council recognizes that with an already over-crowded existing medical facility, and a population that is projected to grow by 20% over the next ten years, that Malulani Health and Medical Center will provide an alternative for patients, as well as significantly reduce the pressure on Maui Memorial Medical Center.

"The Malulani Health and Medical Center recognizes the close knit family structure that is prevalent in Hawaii's culture. We are a people that cherish relationships and care for our sick and elderly," said Norma Barroga, President of the Maui Filipino Community Council. "This new innovative center will provide much to accommodate our community's medical needs," she added.

Ms. Barroga went on to say, "Its mission to provide health services to all regardless of one's ability to pay is applauded by our members and we look forward to working with Malulani Health Systems, and most importantly, placing our members into the hands of qualified and experienced health care professionals."

Malulani Health Systems, a community-based nonprofit organization, is planning to build a state of the art, fully digital, 100 bed acute care and full service community hospital and medical center facility in South Maui. This innovative medical facility will provide high quality health care for all of Maui's residents and visitors by blending the best of all medical traditions – western, complementary, and alternative medicine.

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