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### **Hotel Executives to Gather in Celebration of Housekeepers Week**

**Honolulu, Hawaii — Aug. 13, 2013** — The Hawaii chapter of IEHA is pleased to announce its upcoming celebration of International Housekeepers Week on Sept. 11 with the theme “Pride, Quality, Excellence – Solving Tomorrow’s Problems Today.” The association will hold its general membership meeting and Housekeepers Week celebration at Aulani, a Disney Resort, at 9:30 a.m. with a breakfast buffet and tour of the facilities. Additionally, the association’s membership — comprised of hotel executive housekeepers, contract professional cleaners and industry vendors — has invited hotel general managers to share in this special celebration.

“As a Hawaii chapter member for 38 years, and having been elected to the association’s national board of directors in 1980, I was there with the adoption of International Housekeepers Week in 1981,” says Rose Galera, president of the Hawaii chapter. “Since that first year, and every year to date, I celebrate and honor all in professional cleaning globally and in Hawaii to keep our local and built environment clean, safe and healthy. As the Hawaii chapter president, I extend my aloha, mahalo, congratulations and best wishes for a Happy 2013 Housekeepers Week to all in professional cleaning today.”

Complimentary round trip bus transportation, sponsored by Sobel-Westex, will be provided by Roberts Hawaii from Waikiki to the Aulani hotel.

#### **About International Housekeepers Week:**

Now in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year, Housekeepers Week began with the premise of “Have You Hugged Your Housekeeper Today?” Encouraged by the overwhelming response, the weeklong

recognition of housekeeping professionals continued the following year with proclamations, buttons and a theme. Every year, Housekeepers Week is held the second full week of September. Hawaii's hotels celebrate during the week at their individual properties with luncheons and special acknowledgements giving thanks to all in professional cleaning. The week is recognized with proclamations issued by the Honolulu mayor and Hawaii governor.

About the IEHA Hawaii chapter:

Founded in Hawaii in 1968, the IEHA Hawaii chapter is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year. IEHA is the international professional association representing facility housekeeping at the management level, and members represent a variety of industries, including hospitality, health care, education, contract cleaning and suppliers. It provides members with an array of channels through which they can achieve personal and professional growth. For more information, visit [www.hawaii-ieha.org](http://www.hawaii-ieha.org).

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