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MAUI COUNTY HEALTH VOLUNTEER RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) announced today that Maui County's Jeanne Morris was selected by the national Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (OCVMRC) for the 2009 "Outstanding Public Health Volunteer" award. Through this award, the OCVMRC and Office of the U.S. Surgeon General highlight the key role that volunteers have in building healthy and prepared communities.

The DOH is pleased to have Morris as an active member of Maui County Health Volunteers, a Medical Reserve Corps unit the DOH supports. Morris' professionalism and enthusiasm have supported many public health efforts in Maui County. Most notably, Morris volunteered for nine consecutive school days from Oct. 20-30, as well as Nov. 10, 13 and 17, 2008 at the DOH's "Stop Flu at School" program, which helped the department's Maui District Health Office meet its goal of completing all school vaccinations before the beginning of the flu season.

"Volunteers are an essential part of our public health work force," said Dr. Chiyome Fukino, director of health. "Hawai'i's Medical Reserve Corps members are a valuable resource throughout the year and especially during times of community need."

Morris received the “Outstanding Public Health Volunteer” award this week at the 2009 Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit in Dallas, Texas. She received a full scholarship to attend the event.

For more information about Maui County Health Volunteers and other Hawai'i Medical Reserve Corps units visit <http://hawaii.gov/health/emergencyprep/mrc>.

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