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Statement by George D. Szigeti, President and CEO, Hawai'i Tourism Authority

RE: Ceasing of Interisland Flight Operations by Island Air

HONOLULU – George D. Szigeti, president and CEO of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA), issued the following statement regarding today's announcement from Island Air that the airline is halting flight operations between the islands of Hawai'i on November 10.

"The news of Island Air ceasing flight operations is truly unfortunate, especially for the 400 employees whose families depended on the airline for their livelihood. With Hawai'i's strong economy, we are hopeful they will find new opportunities to re-start their careers in travel and other industries locally.

"Island Air's service was appreciated by residents and visitors needing to travel between the islands. We thank the airline and its employees for the quality, reliable service they provided to interisland travelers during their 37 years of business."

About the Hawai'i Tourism Authority

The [Hawai'i Tourism Authority](http://Hawaii Tourism Authority) is responsible for strategically managing the State of Hawai'i's marketing initiatives to support tourism. HTA's goal is to optimize tourism's benefits for Hawai'i, while being attentive to the interests of travelers, the community and visitor industry. Established in 1998 to support Hawai'i's leading industry and largest employer, HTA continually strives to help ensure the sustainability of tourism's success.

For more information about HTA, please visit www.hawaii tourism authority.org. Follow updates about HTA on Facebook, Twitter (@HawaiiHTA) and its YouTube Channel.

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