

# Pride of Maui HAWAIIAN PRONUNCIATION GUIDE



# MAUI WATERFALLS

Proper Pronunciation ('Ōlelo Hawai'i)

## **Key Sounds**

- ✓ ā sounds like "ah" (long)
- ✓ ē sounds like "eh" (long)
- ✓ ī sounds like "ee" (long)
- ✓ ō sounds like "oh" (long)
- ✓ ū sounds like "oo" (long)
- ✓ 'marks a glottal stop (brief pause)

### **Cultural Terms**

- ✓ Wahi Pana (wah-hee pah-nah): sacred place
- ✓ Mālama (mah-lah-mah): to care for
- ✓ 'Āina (eye-nah): land
- ✓ Kapu (kah-poo): sacred, forbidden
- ✓ Wai (why): freshwater
- Mahalo (mah-hah-loh): thank you
- Aloha (ah-loh-hah): hello, goodbye, love

### Waterfall Names & Places

- ✓ Wailele (why-leh-leh): waterfall, leaping water
- ✓ Hāna (hah-nah): to work, do, or commit; town name
- ✓ Waimoku (why-moh-koo): water that cuts, severs, or breaks in two
- √ 'Ohe'o (oh-hay-oh): something special
- Mauka (mow-kah): mountain side
- Makai (mah-kye): ocean side

# **Important Phrases**

- ✓ E komo mai (eh koh-moh my): welcome, come in
- ✓ Maikai (my-kye): good
- ✓ A hui hou (ah hoo-ee hoh): until we meet again