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## To Whom It May Concern:

I'm pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Marta Lane, who has helped put Kauai on the culinary map through her work as the island's only full-time food writer; her company, Tasting Kauai, which offers three popular food tours; and her app and book, *Tasting Kauai Restaurants: An Insider's Guide to Eating Well on the Garden Island*, spotlighting the island's top eateries.

Marta comes from a family that celebrates food. Although she had a successful 25-year career in television production in Denver, her pursuits during her spare time revolved around food. She toured wineries, enrolled in cooking classes and became a certified personal chef. When she and her husband, Dan, moved to Kauai in 2010, she patronized farmers' markets and restaurants known for dishes made with fresh, locally grown ingredients. She attended every food-related event she could find, from country fairs to five-star dinners, and obtained work as a freelance food writer.

Along the way, Marta befriended many chefs, farmers, ranchers, fishermen and restaurant owners—close relationships that were invaluable when she started her tour company and wrote her book. Her success is a result of her vision, hard work, integrity, resourcefulness, common sense and keen business acumen. In my dealings with her, I have always found her to be genial, efficient and conscientious.

I'm confident those qualities can translate to anything Marta chooses to do, and I highly recommend her for any position that can make use of her exceptional abilities. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me via the email or phone number above.

Sincerely,

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