



Proclamation
In Recognition of
National Biodiesel Day

WHEREAS, National Biodiesel Day is recognized on March 18, 2015 to celebrate the birthday of Rudolph Christian Karl Diesel, the inventor of the diesel engine; and

WHEREAS, the first public demonstration of vegetable oil based diesel fuel was at the 1900 World's Fair for an engine that ran on peanut oil; and

WHEREAS, Rudolph Diesel did extensive work on vegetable oil fuels, becoming a leading proponent of the concept, believing that farmers could benefit from providing their own fuel; and

WHEREAS, biodiesel is America's first biofuel, now made from vegetable oil, animal fat and recycled cooking oil, and is cleaner burning than fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Biodiesel, a kama'aina company, is the first retail biodiesel pump operator in the country and the only biodiesel refiner in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i congratulates and commends Pacific Biodiesel on its accomplishments as a pioneer in the field of biofuels and its vision to position the State of Hawai'i on becoming energy independent and self-sustainable;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2015 as

"PACIFIC BIODIESEL DAY"

in Hawai'i to perpetuate and honor the legacy of Rudolph Diesel and to emphasize the state's fervent commitment toward food security and energy sustainability.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this sixteenth day of March 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i