



*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'āina 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