



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

# Fair Housing Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, housing discrimination is inconsistent with the values of equal opportunity and fairness which we cherish and aspire to as citizens of the United States of America and of the State of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of April 2015, marks the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the enactment of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly referred to as the "Fair Housing Act", to expand civil rights protections to prohibit discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, color, religion, national origin and sex; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Housing Act has since been expanded to protect discrimination on the basis of disability and familial status; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 515, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, which is the state equivalent to the Fair Housing Act, was expanded in 2005 to prohibit discriminatory practices on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the State of Hawai'i - Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA) and the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands (DHHL), Department of Human Services (DHS), the City and County of Honolulu and the Counties of Hawai'i, Kaua'i and Maui, the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) and Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i are all committed to working together to ending discrimination in housing - wherever it may occur; and

**WHEREAS**, the HPHA is leading the State's efforts for the Month of April 2015 to be designated as Fair Housing Awareness Month in the State of Hawai'i, to encourage the people of our State to attend free fair housing education seminars offered in each county, and to join with State and County Fair Housing Officers in working to eliminate discrimination in housing by increasing public awareness of the fair housing laws in the State of Hawai'i;

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

## **"FAIR HOUSING AWARENESS MONTH"**

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens, agencies and institutions of the Aloha State to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Act and support an end to housing discrimination.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this eighth day of April 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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