



Proclamation
Presented to
Richard Ha

WHEREAS, Richard Ha is an innovative and entrepreneurial farmer who created the state's largest banana farm from modest beginnings and then diversified into a commercially successful hydroponic vegetable production; and

WHEREAS, Richard Ha is an agricultural pioneer whose adoption of sustainable agricultural practices earned Hamakua Springs Country Farms the world's first Rainforest Alliance "Eco-OK" certification for a banana farm and who has demonstrated that scaling back on yield and focusing on employee safety can produce positive results; and

WHEREAS, Richard Ha is an inspirational speaker on agricultural sustainability issues, serves as the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources' delegate for the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching, and has been an invaluable adviser to the CTAHR Advisory Council and the Hawai'i State Board of Agriculture Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, Richard Ha is equally committed to sustainable energy and economic development in Hawai'i, providing a strong voice for food and energy security through both community action and personal advocacy via his thoughtful and informative blog; and

WHEREAS, Richard Ha has been recognized as a University of Hawai'i Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus and been selected to receive the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources' highest honor, the Ka Lei Hano Heritage Award;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2015 as

"RICHARD HA DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to recognize the many contributions Richard Ha has made to our State.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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