



# *Proclamation*

*In Recognition of*

## **Kona Marshallese Constitution Day**

**WHEREAS, Kona Marshallese Constitution Day** commemorates the persistent effort of the Marshallese people that culminated in a national vote on May 1, 1979 establishing a constitution for the Republic of the Marshall Islands and laying the legal foundation for independence and self-governance; and

**WHEREAS, Kona Marshallese Constitution Day** reminds us of the courage and foresight of their Republic's founding fathers and mothers, who worked from tradition and a grounded understanding of Marshallese culture and customs to enrich the discourse as delegates to their First Constitutional Convention; and

**WHEREAS, Kona Marshallese Constitution Day**, celebrated on Hawai'i Island since 2013, embodies the tradition of the Republic of the Marshall Islands promoting the free expression and creativity of all citizens to reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS, Kona Marshallese Constitution Day** affirms the universal desire and right to live in harmony and share the aspirations of all people for a free and peaceful world in which every citizen can continue to live a life of dignity, self-respect, decency and hope;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim May 1, 2015 as

### **"KONA MARSHALLESE CONSTITUTION DAY"**

in Hawai'i and ask all the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in appreciating and better understanding the history and traditions of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

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

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i