



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

## **James Thurston "Jim" Nabors**

**WHEREAS**, Jim Nabors was born to Mavis Pearl Newman and Fred Nabors of Sylacauga, Alabama on June 12, 1930; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from high school, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Alabama in 1951 and worked as a typist for the United Nations before moving to Los Angeles where he performed at The Horn, when in 1962 he was discovered by Andy Griffith who hired him to play the role of Gomer Pyle, thus launching his amazing career; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Nabors starred in Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C., which aired for 150 episodes, and The Jim Nabors Hour, which earned him a Golden Globe nomination, and was a frequent guest on the Carol Burnett Show where Carol Burnett considered him to be her "good luck charm" and as such, he was a guest star at each season's premiere show during its twelve-year run; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Nabors began singing "Back home again in Indiana" at the start of the Indianapolis 500 in 1972 and with few exceptions, performed at every race; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Nabors combined humor, charm and sophisticated modern country gentleman style to become one of America's most beloved personalities, recorded 46 albums, five Gold and one Platinum, acted in more the 300 films and television episodes, launched the Jim Nabors Polynesian Extravaganza at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, starred in the Moulin Rouge show at the Las Vegas Hilton, received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and starred in the Burton White produced "A Merry Christmas with Friends and Nabors", at the Hawai'i Theatre Center from 1997 to 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Nabors' "Gomer Pyle" was bestowed the title of Honorary United States Marine in 2001 for his starring role in the hit television comedy show, Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C. and on November 10, 2013 was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant by the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, General James F. Amos; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Nabors, an entertainer of international status and fame, has made Hawai'i his home for 40 years;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2015 as**

## **"JIM NABORS DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in wishing him a Happy Birthday with many more years of good health and happiness.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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