



Proclamation

In Recognition of

The 50th Anniversary of the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel

WHEREAS, the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel was first envisioned in 1960 when Governor William Quinn invited Laurance S. Rockefeller, venture capitalist and noted conservationist, to visit Hawai'i Island and scout beachfront sites for potential resorts to boost neighbor island employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel was built following Laurance S. Rockefeller's business strategy of "experting", or hiring a person with special skill or knowledge, which resulted in contracting Belt Collins as site planners and engineers; Skidmore Owings, Merrill, (SOM) of San Francisco as building architects; Davis Allen as interior designer; Robert Trent Jones, Sr. as golf course architect; and in the 1968 Beachfront expansion, Honolulu hospitality design architects, Wimberly, Whisenand, Allison, Tong & Goo, with interiors by Phyllis Brownlee; and

WHEREAS, the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel contains one of the most extensive collections of Asian and Oceanic art assembled by a single individual with more than 1,600 pieces of museum-worthy ancient and contemporary works of art that are arranged throughout the hotel for visitor appreciation; and

WHEREAS, the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel has become one of the world's most famous beach resorts opening up tourism on Hawai'i Island and inspiring the luxury development which has come to define the Kohala coast;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 21-July 26, 2015 as

"MAUNA KEA BEACH HOTEL WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask all the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in commemorating this fine hotel whose timeless magic continues to warmly welcome generations of guests to the shores of Kauna'oa Bay.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirtieth day of June 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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