



# *Proclamation*

*In Recognition of*

## **The West Hawai'i Community Health Center**

**WHEREAS**, in 2005 the West Hawai'i Community Health Center began offering quality, comprehensive, and integrated health services accessible to all, regardless of income, at their medical facility in Kailua-Kona and rapidly expanded to include the *Keiki* Health Center and dental services in Kealahou, as well as a health facility in Waikoloa; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Hawai'i Community Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center operating under the community health care model, known to improve public health in local communities, and serves approximately 20% of the population of West Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Hawai'i Community Health Center's August 2015 opening of the Kealahou medical facility will increase access to care for several thousand new patients, minimize critical wait time for appointments, enhance coordination of health and social services, and improve health outcomes by using interdisciplinary patient-centered health care teams; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Hawai'i Community Health Center will continue to provide quality health care that is patient-focused, family-oriented, and addresses the needs of West Hawai'i's underserved patient population because "it is health that matters;"

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim August 15, 2015 as

### **"WEST HAWAI'I COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER DAY"**

in Hawai'i and ask all the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating the expansion of this crucial organization which is a portal to a better life for thousands of West Hawai'i residents.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirteenth day of August 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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