



Proclamation

Presented to

Dr. Daisaku Ikeda President, Soka Gakkai International

WHEREAS, Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, President of Soka Gakkai International (SGI), has inspired millions of people around the world through his consciousness-raising campaigns and dialogues with leading thinkers aimed at fostering peace and global harmony; and

WHEREAS, SGI is recognized by the United Nations as a non-governmental organization that promotes messages of world peace through non-violence, social change, and tolerance and respect for human rights, and is a Buddhist lay organization of more than 12 million members in 192 countries and territories, dedicated to the common vision of a better world through the empowerment of the individual; and

WHEREAS, SGI heralds the accomplishments of Dr. Ikeda, who began his worldwide travels for peace in the Aloha State, 55 years ago on October 2, 1960; he has received more than 300 honorary doctorates and numerous acknowledgements for his work, including the United Nations Peace Award, International Tolerance Award from the Sime Wisenthal Center, and the Rosa Parks Humanitarian Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ikeda has founded a number of independent, nonprofit research institutes that develop cross cultural, interdisciplinary collaboration on diverse issues: the Ikeda Center for Peace, Learning and Dialogue, the Toda Institute for Global Peace and Policy Research, the Institute for Oriental Philosophy, the Min-On Concert Association, and the Tokyo Fuji Art Museum, which promotes mutual understanding and friendship between national cultures through the arts; and

WHEREAS, the SGI contributes to our communities in Hawai'i through various initiatives, programs, and activities such as:

- The creation of the Millennium Peace Garden in Diamond Head
- The creation of the Urban Peace Garden in Pearl City
- The creation of the 'Ohana Peace Garden in Hilo, Hawai'i
- The creation of the Victory Over Violence program – a youth sponsored initiative that helps young people identify and counteract the root cause of violence in their lives
- Sponsored the Culture of Peace Lecture Series
- Participated in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. parade through Waikiki; and

WHEREAS, Soka Gakkai International will celebrate the 55th Anniversary of Dr. Ikeda's embarkation on his journey to promote world peace starting in the Aloha State on October 2, 1960;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2015 as

"55TH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. DAISAKU IKEDA'S FIRST VISIT TO HAWAII IN HIS QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Dr. Daisaku Ikeda and his wife, Kaneko, for their humanitarian contributions to Hawai'i and the world.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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