



Proclamation

Presented to

Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i and INNOVATE Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i, as the state's leading business organization since 1850, represents about 1,000 businesses, works on behalf of its membership to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern; and

WHEREAS, INNOVATE Hawai'i Program is an affiliate center of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) and administered locally by the High Technology Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, INNOVATE Hawai'i assists small to medium-sized manufacturers and pre-manufacturers to overcome their growth issues in order to succeed in the global market; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1,000 manufacturers in Hawai'i with 71 percent of the state's export share that provide over 13,500 jobs with an average annual compensations of over \$42,800 per year, or 15 percent more than other private non-farm jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, International (FMA), the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) are co-producers of National Manufacturing Day on October 2, 2015, dedicated to the future success of manufacturing in the United States and empowering manufacturers to come together to address their collective changes so they can help their communities and future generations thrive; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of U.S. manufacturers across the nation will participate in Manufacturing Day by hosting open houses, public tours, career workshops, and other events to draw the public's attention to work opportunities in manufacturing and encourage job seekers to develop the skills they need to qualify for long-term careers in this secure and growing sector of the economy; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i and INNOVATE Hawai'i have joined the movement and will be hosting a manufacturing facilities tour to highlight the importance of manufacturing to our community and the U.S. economy in general; and

WHEREAS, by joining manufacturers around the country in opening their doors on Manufacturing Day, they aim to share information about careers in the manufacturing sector and show the public that modern manufacturing is a technology-driven industry that offers secure, well-paying jobs;

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

“MANUFACTURING DAY”

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in participating in the events offered to learn of the exciting opportunities that are offered in today's manufacturing field.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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