



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

### **Carole Kai**

**WHEREAS**, Carole Kai is a well-known local entertainer whose name has become synonymous with charitable giving; and

**WHEREAS**, Carole credits her legendary drive to give back to the community to her late mother, Ethel Iwamoto Shimizu, whose favorite saying was "You must put back water in the well when you take it out so others can drink too!"; and

**WHEREAS**, Carole took this advice to heart and credits her mother for inspiring her charity work with organizations and causes in Hawai'i, Guam, Thailand, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Malaysia; and

**WHEREAS**, for decades, Carole has inspired others to follow her lead and to "Be driven by your passion to be good and to do good"; and

**WHEREAS**, Carole is perhaps best known for creating and sponsoring "The Carole Kai International Bed Race", which raised millions of dollars for 50 charities and the military from 1974 to 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, Carole co-founded "The Great Aloha Run" in 1985 with Dr. Jack Scaff, an annual 8.15 mile charity run which continues to host more than 29,000 entrants, and has raised almost \$10 million to date and has supported 150 different Hawai'i charities and the military; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i chapter of the March of Dimes has received donations through "The Great Aloha Run" over the years, investing in programs and services promoting healthy pregnancies and babies, and working to prevent premature birth and birth defects in communities throughout Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, Carole's philanthropic legacy was recognized when she was named the 2015 recipient of the March of Dimes Franklin Delano Roosevelt Award for Distinguished Community Service;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 7, 2015 as**

## **"CAROLE KAI DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating her many contributions to our islands and beyond as an entertainer, dedicated volunteer, businesswoman, promoter, community leader and loyal friend.

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

  
DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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