



Proclamation

Presented to

Claude Onizuka

WHEREAS, this year marks the 30th Anniversary of the U.S. Space Shuttle Challenger disaster in which all astronauts on board lost their lives; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i-born astronaut, Ellison Onizuka, the first Asian astronaut in space, was a member of this crew; and

WHEREAS, astronaut Onizuka was a fearless explorer with limitless vision who inspired multiple generations with his vivid imagination and pioneering spirit; and

WHEREAS, astronaut Onizuka viewed the continual exploration of the imagination as a beacon for progress, strongly advocating for the educational programs that promote ingenuity to improve human life; and

WHEREAS, from his childhood in Kealahou, Kona, to his role as a member of the Challenger Shuttle crew, Ellison Onizuka inspired the lives of those around him with his optimism and courage; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i continues to honor the memory of astronaut Onizuka and his six Space Shuttle crew members – Sharon Christa McAuliffe, Gregory Jarvis, Judith A. Resnik, Francis R. Scobee, Ronald E. McNair and Mike J. Smith – through the Challenger Center Hawai'i, the Onizuka Space Center in Kona and other aerospace educational and training programs statewide; and

WHEREAS, these activities will collectively help promote a broad range of research and development opportunities for the people of Hawai'i, as well as strengthen our State's scientific and business ties with the international space community; and

WHEREAS, such opportunities will continue to inspire Hawai'i's youth to both envision and plan a future, thereby helping to ensure the further growth and prosperity of our island state;

THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 28, 2016 as

“ELLISON ONIZUKA DAY”

in the State of Hawai'i and encourage citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing this observance and to honor the memory of astronaut Ellison Onizuka and the many contributions he made to both his home state and our national space program.

DONE, at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-eighth day of January 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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