



*Proclamation*  
*Presented to*

**Hawaiian Paddle Sports**

**WHEREAS**, the coordinated attacks on November 13, 2015 in Paris left 130 people dead and hundreds more injured; and

**WHEREAS**, as an expression of love, support and solidarity with the citizens of Paris, Maui residents joined together for five full days, twelve hours per day, to make a MILE-LONG *lei* to share Hawai'i's "Aloha Spirit" with Paris and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, The Cynthia Rose Foundation partnered with Nalu's South Shore Grill and Hawaiian Paddle Sports to organize the creation of the mile-long *ti* leaf and fresh flower *lei* that was hand-delivered to Paris with the assistance of United Airlines, who flew the *lei* more than 7,400 miles free of charge; and

**WHEREAS**, as many as 200 volunteers contributed to the "*Lei* for Paris" either by helping to weave the *lei*, through financial contributions and donations of countless *ti* leaves and flowers; and

**WHEREAS**, the organizers partnered with a group of Maui youth leaders who travelled to Paris to attend the United Nations COP21 Conference on Climate Change to ensure the *lei* was presented at different events and locations around the city, including the memorial sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the efforts of Sherrie Austin, Ron Panzo, Timothy Lara and countless volunteers worked to create the mile-long *lei* as a symbolic "hug" from the people of Hawai'i to comfort and stand as a bright light for the citizens of Paris and the world;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2016 as**

**"LEI FOR PARIS DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in thanking and congratulating the efforts of the *Lei* for Paris committee.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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