



*Proclamation*  
*Presented to*  
**Governor George Ryoichi Ariyoshi**

**Whereas**, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi was born on March 12, 1926 in Honolulu, Hawai'i, to Ryozo and Mitsue Ariyoshi. His parents instilled many of the values that guided him throughout his career, his personal and professional relationships, and as a family man; and

**Whereas**, George Ariyoshi graduated from McKinley High school in 1944 as senior class president, and was drafted into the army and served as an interpreter in the Military Intelligence Service in occupied Japan; and

**Whereas**, George Ariyoshi received a bachelor's degree at Michigan State University in history and political science in 1949, and three years later, received his law degree from the University of Michigan law school; and

**Whereas**, George Ariyoshi returned to Hawai'i and soon after met and married Jean Miya Hayashi and together, raised their three children, Lynn, Ryozo, and Donn; and

**Whereas**, George Ariyoshi made his political debut after being elected to the territorial House of Representative in 1954 and served until 1958. He was elected to the territorial Senate, then State Senate, and served until 1970; and

**Whereas**, George Ariyoshi was elected Lieutenant Governor with Governor John A. Burns, then succeeded him upon his death; and

**Whereas**, Governor Ariyoshi served as Hawai'i's chief administrator from 1974 until 1986. He was the first non-Caucasian governor in the United States, first Hawai'i-born governor to be elected, and longest serving governor in our State's history; and

**Whereas**, Governor Ariyoshi continues to be highly respected and sought after in the community as a speaker, sits on several nonprofit and for-profit boards, and is an active voice in the Democratic Party; and

**Whereas**, Governor Ariyoshi makes it his top priority to enjoy time with his wife, Jean, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who bring much happiness and fulfillment in his life; and

**Whereas**, Governor George Ariyoshi is celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 12, 2016;

**Therefore, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 12, 2016 as**

**"GOVERNOR GEORGE ARIYOSHI DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating his numerous outstanding accomplishments and wishing him a Happy Birthday with many more years of good health and happiness.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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