



*Proclamation*  
*Presented to*  
**The Consular Corps of Hawai'i**

**WHEREAS**, the Consular Corps of Hawai'i traces its history back to 1824 and meetings between American and British consular representatives; France became the third nation to have consular representation in Hawai'i when Jules Dudoit was appointed consular agent in 1837; and

**WHEREAS**, the Consular Corps of Hawai'i consists of seven career Consuls General and thirty-one Honorary Consuls, representing nations on every continent – except Antarctica – and Oceania; and

**WHEREAS**, the Consular Corps of Hawai'i's tasks are challenging. Among the most important are promotion of trade; the maintenance of close relations with the State and County governments; and with the military; advising and assisting the nationals of the country he or she represents in Hawai'i; and supporting culture and the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Consular Corps of Hawai'i is proud to contribute to an enhanced quality of life in the fiftieth state of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Consular Corps of Hawai'i will hold its 63<sup>rd</sup> Inaugural Ceremony on Saturday, February 20, 2016, to recognize:

- R.J. Zlatoper, Incoming Dean, Honorary Consul of Slovenia
- Walter K. Paik, Incoming Vice Dean, Consul General of Korea
- Nina H. Fasi, Secretary, Honorary Consul of Norway
- Annie Kaneshiro, Treasurer, Honorary Consular Agent of Tonga
- M. Jan Rumi, Auditor, Honorary Consul of Morocco
- Dr. Nicklaus R. Schweizer, Historian, Dean Emeritus and retired Honorary Consul of Switzerland
- Toyoei Shigeeda, Outgoing Dean of the Corps, Consul General of Japan

**WHEREAS**, the Consular Corps of Hawai'i will also honor Dean and Honorary Consul of Belgium, Jeffrey Lau, with its Distinguished Service Medal, Ms. Patricia Lee, Consul Emeritus of France with the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Governor George Ariyoshi with its Distinguished Service Award;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 20, 2016 as**

**“CONSULAR CORPS OF HAWAI'I DAY”**

in Hawai'i and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in extending our congratulations to the new officers of the Consular Corps of Hawai'i and the awardees; and to thank Corps members, past and present, for their distinguished service, leadership and invaluable contributions to our community.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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