



Proclamation
Presented to
Dr. Genshitsu Sen

WHEREAS, Dr. Genshitsu Sen served as the 15th Grand Master of the Urasenke Chado Tradition, introducing the world to *Chado*, "The Way of Tea," as a means for promoting worldwide understanding and appreciation of the tea ceremony with its ideals of Harmony, Respect, Purity and Tranquility; and

WHEREAS, over the past 65 years, Dr. Genshitsu Sen has generously given \$500,000 to the University of Hawai'i to establish a Sen chair; one million dollars to the University of Hawai'i Center for Japanese Studies; and donated and built four tea houses in Hawai'i, three in Honolulu and one at the Queen Lili'uokalani Garden and Park in Hilo; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Genshitsu Sen brought thousands of Urasenke members from Japan to Hawai'i to attend University seminars which he has conducted for the past 43 years; and

WHEREAS Dr. Genshitsu Sen has conducted many sacred tea ceremonies for world peace globally and in Hawai'i; including at 'Iolani Palace, to honor King Kalākaua, King Kamehameha and the people of Hawai'i; at the National Cemetery of the Pacific, to honor the deceased of World War II; at the Hawai'i State Capitol, for the Hawai'i State Legislators and to commemorate 50 years of statehood; on the Arizona Memorial, to honor the deceased buried there in prayer for world peace and as part of the healing process between two great nations, the United States and Japan, once bitter enemies and today the best of allies;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2016 as

**"GENSHITSU SEN DAY AND CHADO URASENKE
TANKOKAI HAWAI'I ASSOCIATION DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Dr. Genshitsu Sen for his many contributions to our Aloha State and the world.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the 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