Proclamation
Presented in Recognition of
Duke’s Day 100th Year Celebration

WHEREAS, The Duke’s Day Celebration was founded by the SurfNomes’ Naomi Wilson and Naomi Donohue along with Eco Divers’ Dave Thomas to honor the father of surfing in Australia, Duke Kahanamoku, and to raise awareness, kindness and living in harmony with the marine environment; and

WHEREAS, The Duke’s Day Celebration held its inaugural event on Saturday, January 15, 2011 and has held this community event annually to help raise awareness on the local history in Freshwater, Australia, the impact humans have to coastal environments, the meaning of Surf Life Saving, and the history and evolution of surfing; and

WHEREAS, The Duke’s Day Celebration led to the “Goodwill Beach Agreement” between Freshwater Beach, Sydney, Australia and Waikiki Beach, Honolulu, Hawai’i on August 24, 2011, allowing the two cities to share ideas and concerns regarding the encouragement of tourism and preservation of the beauty of natural beach resources; and

WHEREAS, The Duke’s Day Celebration will hold its fifth annual event and the 100th Anniversary of Duke Kahanamoku’s surfing display at Freshwater Beach that inspired generations of Australian surfers on January 8-10, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai’i, and I, STAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai’i, do hereby proclaim January 10, 2015, as

“DUKE KAHA NA MOKU DAY”

in the State of Hawai’i, and ask that the people of the Aloha State to join with Freshwater in New South Wales, Australia, in acknowledging the Duke’s Day 100th Year Celebration at Freshwater Beach, Australia.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai’i, this second day of January 2015.

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DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai’i

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