WHEREAS, the State of Hawai‘i recognizes that our Hawaiian host culture is the foundation of Hawai‘i’s unique cultural fabric; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i Music Hall of Fame ("HMHF") is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that was founded in 1994 and whose mission is to promote, preserve and perpetuate Hawaiian music and hula by celebrating the achievements of significant individuals and groups; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding work of the HMHF is of particular importance because Hawaiian music and hula transcend mere entertainment and serve as the key means to preserve, perpetuate and express Hawaiian culture today; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its mission, the HMHF produces its highly anticipated induction ceremony and tribute concert, Le‘i of Stars, each year to recognize the achievements of its most recent class of inductees; and

WHEREAS, Le‘i of Stars 2015 recognizes and celebrates the achievements of a particularly distinguished inductee class comprising of the following:

- Distinguished Hawaiian scholar, teacher and genealogist – Edith Kawelohea McKinzie
- Hawaiian language professor and author – Marvin Puakea Nogelmeier
- Legendary hula dancers – “Bev” Beverly Kaul Rivera Noa Kenny and "Lani" Lorraine Keaoululani Custino
- World famous radio and television show – Hawai‘i Calls

WHEREAS, the HMHF Le‘i of Stars and these distinguished inductees exemplify the very best that Hawai‘i has to offer the world;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor; and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2015 as

“HAWAIIAN MUSIC HALL OF FAME LEI OF STARS DAY”

in Hawai‘i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating the achievements of this year's class of inductees and their contributions to our state and the world.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, on this first day of May 2015.

David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

Shan S. Tsutsui
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai‘i