WHEREAS, the Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes to children diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition and brings hope, strength and joy to a young child and their family; and

WHEREAS, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Hawai‘i was established in 1982 as the 13th chapter of the National Make-A-Wish Foundation serving local children and those who wish to come to Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Hawai‘i granted its first local wish in 1984 to a young Hilo boy who wanted to go to Disneyland; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 local children and over 10,000 children across the United States have been impacted by the power of a wish here in our Hawaiian Islands, making our state the largest Make-A-Wish chapter by volume; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside a day to recognize all of the wishes being granted in Hawai‘i and the efforts put into granting them, not only by staff, but by the over 400 local volunteers across our state;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2015 as

"MAKE A WISH HAWAI‘I DAY"

in Hawai‘i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the dedication of Make-A-Wish Hawai‘i to provide every eligible Hawai‘i child with the life-affirming gift of a wish experience.

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