



Proclamation
Presented to

Guide Dogs of Hawai'i Adaptive Aids, Canines & Advocacy for the Blind

WHEREAS, guide dogs, introduced in the United States in 1929 by Morris Frank and his guide dog, Buddy, along with the white cane, have become universally known as the identifying symbols of the Blind and Visually Impaired; and

WHEREAS, guide dogs are tools that are key to enhanced mobility and independence for the Blind or Visually Impaired; and

WHEREAS, the Sighted are reminded not to talk, pet or feed guide dogs; and

WHEREAS, guide dogs are reminders of our commitment to conquer barriers, both physical and perceived, that prevent people who are blind from reaching their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Guide Dogs of Hawai'i, established in 1955, promotes awareness regarding both the independence of and the contributions that individuals who are Blind make to the social and economic life of our community;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2015 as

“INTERNATIONAL GUIDE DOG DAY”

in Hawai'i, and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to recognize the crucial role guide dogs make to the lives of those without sight and our community.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-third day of April 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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