WHEREAS, the coordinated attacks on November 13, 2015 in Paris left 130 people dead and hundreds more injured; and

WHEREAS, as an expression of love, support and solidarity with the citizens of Paris, Maui residents joined together for five full days, twelve hours per day, to make a MILE-LONG lei to share Hawai'i's "Aloha Spirit" with Paris and the world; and

WHEREAS, The Cynthia Rose Foundation partnered with Nalu's South Shore Grill and Hawaiian Paddle Sports to organize the creation of the mile-long ti leaf and fresh flower lei that was hand-delivered to Paris with the assistance of United Airlines, who flew the lei more than 7,400 miles free of charge; and

WHEREAS, as many as 200 volunteers contributed to the "Lei for Paris" either by helping to weave the lei, through financial contributions and donations of countless ti leaves and flowers; and

WHEREAS, the organizers partnered with a group of Maui youth leaders who travelled to Paris to attend the United Nations COP21 Conference on Climate Change to ensure the lei was presented at different events and locations around the city, including the memorial sites; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Sherrie Austin, Ron Panzo, Timothy Lara and countless volunteers worked to create the mile-long lei as a symbolic "hug" from the people of Hawai'i to comfort and stand as a bright light for the citizens of Paris and the world;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2016 as "LEI FOR PARIS DAY" in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in thanking and congratulating the efforts of the Lei for Paris committee.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twentieth day of January 2016.