WHEREAS, the University of Hawai‘i Rainbow Wahine Volleyball team finished the 2015 season ranked No. 7 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) final poll, making this the 25th time they have finished the year ranked in the Top 10 and their highest final ranking since finishing at No. 5 in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the University of Hawai‘i Rainbow Wahine Volleyball team also finished the 2015 season ranked No. 1 in the NCAA; in conference, they finished the year ranked No. 1 in 11 statistical categories, including aces per set, team assist, team service aces, assists per set, blocks per set, hitting percentage, kills per set, opponent hitting percentage, team assists, team service aces and team total blocks; and

WHEREAS, the University of Hawai‘i Rainbow Wahine Volleyball team went a perfect 16-0 in conference to capture their eighth Big West Title and their 24th overall conference title, also marking their third Big West crown in the last four seasons since rejoining the league in 2012 and their 20th title in the last 21 seasons; and

WHEREAS, we applaud team members Olivia Magill, Tai Manu-Olevao, Nikki Taylor, Katiana Ponce, Tayler Higgins, Annie Mitchem, Kendra Koelsch, Clare-Marie Anderson, Kalei Greeley, Gianna Guinasso, Savanah Kahakai, Emily Maglio, McKenna Granato, Natasha Burns and Casey Castillo; Head Coach Dave Shoji, Associate Head Coach Jeff Hall, Assistant Coach Robyn Ah Mow-Santos and Volunteer Equipment Coordinator James "Jimbo" Buccella on an outstanding season; and

WHEREAS, aside from the accolades and accomplishments, the Rainbow Wahine Volleyball team entertained fans throughout the state of Hawai‘i with their thrilling victories, intangible team chemistry and exciting play on the court;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim January 17, 2016 as

“UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I RAINBOW WAHINE VOLLEYBALL DAY”

in Hawai‘i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to recognize and celebrate the amazing accomplishments of the 2015 Wahine Volleyball team’s outstanding season.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

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