



Proclamation

In Recognition of

HELPING TO FEED HAWAI‘I’S HUNGRY MONTH

WHEREAS, hunger is a serious issue for many citizens in the State of Hawai‘i, whether due to financial constraints, homelessness, disability, unemployment or illness, forcing many to choose between purchasing food or paying rent, mortgages, transportation, utilities, or medical bills; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank Network provides an important link between donors and the hungry, gathering food and support from the community, and distributing that food to charitable agencies serving those in need so no one goes hungry; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank Network, consisting of the Hawai‘i Food Bank O‘ahu and Kaua‘i Branches, the Food Basket of Hawai‘i Island, and the Maui Food Bank, distributed over 18 million pounds of food statewide last year to 479 member agencies located throughout the islands; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank Network feeds 287,000 people each year, including low-income families, veterans, the disabled, victims of domestic abuse, recovering substance abusers, and over 47,000 children and 46,000 elderly; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank Network and member agencies rely daily on the generosity of donors and volunteers to carry out its mission; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank Network will hold its 27th Annual Food Drive Day statewide on April 16, 2016, to raise awareness of hunger in Hawai‘i, and collect food and funds to feed the hungry; now

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

“HELPING TO FEED HAWAI‘I’S HUNGRY MONTH”

in Hawai‘i and strongly encourage the people of the Aloha State to give generously to the 27th Annual Statewide Food Drive.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, on this thirty-first day of March 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

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