



Proclamation

Presented to

Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians

WHEREAS, parliamentary law originated in Athens nearly 3,000 years ago, and was refined by the English during the last thousand years, and made a part of the United States Constitution in 1789; and

WHEREAS, the five principles of parliamentary law are orderly procedure, equality of all members, justice for all, right of the minority to be heard on questions, and majority rule; and

WHEREAS, the rules of parliamentary law are based on a regard for rights; of the majority, of the minority, particularly a strong minority greater than one-third, of individual members, of absentees, and of all these together; and

WHEREAS, individuals knowledgeable of parliamentary rules and procedures are known as parliamentarians. The current reference is Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition, dated 2011, released to the public on September 27, 2011. The correct practice of parliamentary law contained therein is a subject of intense interest to thousands of members of religious, social, community, fraternal, and other organizations in the State of Hawai'i who use and seek guidance in the practice of parliamentary law; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians (HSAP) was established in 1953 by prominent citizens of the State of Hawai'i dedicated to observing the rights of members of various organizations involved with deliberative assemblies. HSAP continuously serves the entire community by providing its collective expertise on parliamentary law, when requested by individuals and organizations, and sponsors educational courses, workshops and seminars for the general public, holds monthly meetings that are open to the public and has recently contributed to the publication of Na Lula Halawai – A Parliamentary Guide to Conducting Meetings in Hawaiian by William J. Puette & Richard Keaoopuaokalani NeSmith; and

WHEREAS, HSAP's parent organization, the National Association of Parliamentarians, traditionally recognizes the month of Thomas Jefferson's birth, April, as "Parliamentary Law Month" for his contributions to the development of the parliamentary system in the United States;

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

"PARLIAMENTARY LAW MONTH IN HAWAII"

and recognize the role of parliamentarians in our Aloha State and thank them for their contributions.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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