



*Proclamation*  
*In Recognition of*

## TSUNAMI AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS, Tsunami Awareness Month** reminds each of us that Hawai'i is extremely vulnerable to the threat of tsunamis generated in the Pacific Basin as a result of earthquakes and volcanic activity; and

**WHEREAS, Tsunami Awareness Month** is observed in April in Hawai'i to remind us of the tragic April 1, 1946 tsunami generated in the Aleutian Islands which caused 159 deaths in Hawai'i and more than \$26 million in damage statewide; and

**WHEREAS, Tsunami Awareness Month** provides an opportunity for public and private emergency management partners to organize outreach programs to educate the public about the warning signs of tsunamis and how to respond safely by moving immediately to higher ground out of evacuation zones; and

**WHEREAS, Tsunami Awareness Month** recognizes the strides made in tsunami monitoring and warning, including the outdoor siren modernization and expansion effort spearheaded by the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency in coordination with county partners;

**WHEREAS, Tsunami Awareness Month** will kick off on April 1, 2016 at the Jefferson Elementary School where students will participate in an evacuation drill upon the sounding of the monthly outdoor warning siren test; and

**WHEREAS, Tsunami Awareness Month** encourages us to take steps to safeguard the lives of our family, friends and neighbors against the threat of tsunamis by creating and exercising evacuation plans ahead of an emergency;

**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**

## "TSUNAMI AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in heeding the best practices and sound advice of our emergency management professionals at the local, state and federal level as well as our community leaders in preparing our families for this potential threat to our islands.

**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