



Proclamation *Presented to* **Punahou School**

WHEREAS, Punahou School was officially established in 1841 in order to provide a quality education for the children of congregational missionaries serving throughout the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, Punahou School was named for the fabled natural spring discovered centuries ago under a hala tree in Mānoa which still flows today to irrigate portions of the campus; and

WHEREAS, Punahou School was known as O'ahu College from 1859 - 1934 in order to offer a post-secondary educational curriculum to students who chose to continue their studies in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the School is now the largest independent K-12 school on a single campus in the United States serving over 3,750 students who represent the diverse cultural, ethnic and economic diversity of the community; and

WHEREAS, the School's mission embraces an environment embodying values of service, responsibility, creativity and critical thinking, and honoring diversity; and students have unparalleled opportunities to cultivate their unique interests and talents in academics, athletics and the arts through an integrated, continually forward-looking curricular and co-curricular program; and

WHEREAS, the School has committed to the highest levels of sustainable design in campus construction, receiving LEED Gold certification in 2005 for the Case Middle School, LEED Platinum certification in 2010 for the Omidyar K-1 Neighborhood and endeavoring to attain similar standards in its current projects; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 and 2009, Punahou School's sports program was ranked best in the country by Sports Illustrated Magazine; and

WHEREAS, prominent alumni include United States President Barack Obama, founding father of modern China Sun Yat-Sen, Hawaiian Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole, United States Senator Brian Schatz, eBay founder Pierre Omidyar, AOL founder Steve Case, and writers Susanna Moore and Kauai Hart Hemmings;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 9, 2016 as

"PUNAHOU'S 175th BIRTHDAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in congratulating Punahou School for its distinguished history of educating and developing people of character who are positively contributing to our community.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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