



*Proclamation*  
*Presented to*

**Édouard Fritch, President of French Polynesia**

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i and Tahiti Nui's connection dates back through centuries of Pacific Ocean migration from our ancestors; and

**WHEREAS**, we share a Polynesian history steeped in island culture, an ocean-based lifestyle, and the Polynesian sport of surfing; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i and Tahiti Nui are revered around the world for having the most powerful and challenging waves; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i and Tahiti Nui have come together to join as one celebrated region of surfing under the global professional banner of the esteemed World Surfing League; and

**WHEREAS**, we look to the future as partners in surfing who will honor and respect the ocean environment that is vital to Polynesians and surfers around the world, with a shared spirit of stewardship;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 18, 2016 as**

**“WORLD SURF LEAGUE HAWAII & TAHITI NUI  
OFFICIAL PARTNERSHIP DAY”**

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to celebrate our shared history and love of surfing with the people of Tahiti Nui.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twelfth day of August 2016.



DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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