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 Hawaii, do hereby proclaim August 18, 2016 as

"WORLD SURF LEAGUE HAWAII & TAHI-TI 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 Hawaii, on this twelfth day of August 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawaii

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawaii