



# *Proclamation*

*in Recognition of*

## **Fire Prevention Week 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the State Fire Council will join fire departments, fire fighters and first responders nationwide in recognizing October 9-15, 2016 as Fire Prevention Week with various activities centered around this year's theme, "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years"; and

**WHEREAS**, smoke alarms save lives and are a key part of a home fire escape plan. Working smoke alarms give you an early warning so you can escape quickly; and

**WHEREAS**, smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries, and so should be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home. Additionally, smoke alarms should be tested once a month; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to plan home fire escape plans to ensure everyone in the home can hear the sound of the smoke alarm, and to practice your escape plan while the smoke alarm is activated so family members become familiar with its sound; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i fire fighters are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and injuries through prevention and education; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i residents are urged to be responsive to public education measures and to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," serves as a reminder of the simple actions we can take to keep our homes and families safe from fire year round;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9 through 15, 2016 as**

## **"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2016"**

in Hawai'i and urge the people of Hawai'i to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2016 and supporting the safety activities and efforts of Hawai'i's fire and emergency services.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-third day of September 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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