



Proclamation
Presented to

His Majesty King Mohammed VI

WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Morocco and the United States of America have shared a long and vibrant relationship since 1777 when Morocco was the first nation to publicly acknowledge and recognize the United States as an independent nation; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Region of the Rabat-Sale-Zemmour-Zaer and the State of Hawai'i solidified a sister-state partnership in November 2012, focusing on culture, education, tourism, environment and business exchange; and

WHEREAS, despite being located halfway around the world, we recognize the many commonalities we share, which help foster partnership between our two destinations; and

WHEREAS, in December 2012 in honor of this special relationship with the Kingdom of Morocco, a week of activities was held including the signing of a sister-state agreement; a handicraft exhibit from the artisans of the Greater Region of Rabat-Sale-Zemmour-Zaer; a forum on the Advancement of Women's Rights, Political Reforms and Economic Modernization in Morocco; the inauguration of a stele dedicated to His Majesty at Diamond Head Peace Garden; the showing of the movie "Casablanca" at Honolulu's "Sunset on the Beach"; a water sporting exhibition between Morocco and Hawai'i and the unveiling of the Fountain of Morocco gifted by His Majesty to the people of the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the celebration tradition continues in 2013 and 2016 through the Morocco-Hawai'i Friendship and Cooperation Association currently under the leadership of Driss Guerraoui in Morocco and Mr. Hakim Ouansafi in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Morocco and the State of Hawai'i will continue to build on our important partnerships that strives to bring peace and solidarity throughout the world;

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 November 25, 2016, through December 1, 2016, as

"HIS MAJESTY KING MOHAMMED VI WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in sending our sincere congratulations and appreciation to His Majesty King Mohammed VI and the King's family as well as the Friends of Morocco and members of the Moroccan community in Hawai'i for their dedication to peace, progress and friendship.

DONE, at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-eighth day of June 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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