



*Proclamation*  
*Presented to*  
**Hawaiian Electric Company**

**WHEREAS**, King David Kalākaua visited Thomas Alva Edison in New York in 1881 and subsequently electrified 'Iolani Palace in 1886, inspiring and encouraging early adoption of electricity to benefit his people and kingdom; and on October 13, 1891, Hawaiian Electric was incorporated by the Kingdom of Hawai'i and has since powered the islands' development – from a kingdom to a republic, to a territory, to a modern American state; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1894 the Alakea Power Plant was dedicated and placed into service allowing expanded rural service to the windward side of O'ahu; in 1937 the Waiiau Power Plant was constructed, thus expanding its grid across O'ahu; in 1958 the first 138-kilovolt transmission line was built across the Ko'olau mountain range to serve the growing windward side of O'ahu; and a surge in demand for electricity followed statehood creating a need for the new Kahe Power Plant in 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawaiian Electric purchased Maui Electric Company in 1968 and Hawai'i Electric Light Company in 1970; Maui Electric acquired Lāna'i City power plant in 1988 and Moloka'i Electric Company in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawaiian Electric Companies' 2,700 employees serve 459,000 residential, business, government and institutional customers on O'ahu, Maui, Lāna'i, Moloka'i and Hawai'i, home to 95% of the state's 1.4 million residents; and

**WHEREAS**, since the 1970s, Hawaiian Electric has been in the vanguard of research and development of renewable technologies, including wind turbines and electric vehicles to become a nationally recognized leader in renewable energy technology; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, Hawaiian Electric Companies and the State of Hawai'i signed a historic energy agreement under the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative setting a goal of 70% energy use for electricity and ground transportation from renewable sources by 2030; and in 2015, Hawaiian Electric Companies supported modification of Hawai'i's Renewable Portfolio Standard law, committing to reaching 100% of electricity sales from renewable sources by 2045, the most aggressive clean energy goal in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, today, Hawaiian Electric Companies have significantly reduced their use of fuel oil for electricity generation and achieved a 23% RPS, well ahead of the 15% by 2015 milestone and on course to achieve 70 percent by 2030 and the full 100% by 2045; and

**WHEREAS**, among many prestigious honors, Hawaiian Electric has been recognized with the utility industry's highest honor, the Edison Award for leveraging technology to help business customers save money on their electric bills; and the U.S. Department of Labor's EVE Award for employment diversity and for outstanding volunteerism and support; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout its history, Hawaiian Electric has been a locally managed company progressing toward its vision "to empower customers and communities with affordable, reliable, clean energy, and provide innovative energy leadership for Hawai'i"; and the corporation, charitable foundation and thousands of employees have made incalculable contributions in dollars, civic commitment and volunteer hours to make Hawai'i a better place to live, work and play;

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

**"HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY'S 125th ANNIVERSARY MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in congratulating Hawaiian Electric Company for its distinguished history of service and forging ahead with an ambitious plan to help Hawai'i achieve 100% renewable energy by 2045.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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