WHEREAS, credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives, democratically owned and operated, and founded by people working together toward economic advancement; and

WHEREAS, credit unions embrace a "people-helping-people" philosophy through the pooling of personal resources and leadership abilities for the good of the cooperative, empowering members to improve their financial futures and uniting to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, credit unions have demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout the communities in which they have served since they were established more than 150 years ago; and

WHEREAS, credit unions have championed the idea that people from all walks of life should have access to affordable financial services offered by credit unions; and

WHEREAS, credit unions empower people to improve their economic situations in 105 nations around the world at more than 57,000 credit unions that serve the financial needs of 217 million people, including over 810,000 people in Hawai‘i, associated through local, state, regional, and international organizations sharing the same commitment to serving credit union members; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme, “The Authentic Difference,” celebrates what makes credit unions unique;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2016 as

“INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY”

in Hawai‘i, and encourage the people of the Aloha State to recognize the many contributions credit unions have made for families and communities in Hawai‘i through the years, and honor and express appreciation for the service and commitment of credit unions.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, in Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, on this twelfth day of October 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

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