



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

# Archives Month

**WHEREAS**, historical records contain much of Hawai'i's rich and diverse heritage and are crucial to understanding the past, learning from the accomplishments of our predecessors, tracing our ancestors, confirming property rights, maintaining laws and providing guidance to future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, careful and thorough record-keeping has always been an important function of an open democracy and safeguards the rights and freedoms of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, state and local governments, religious and medical institutions, schools and universities, libraries, historical societies, museums, businesses and families throughout Hawai'i have established archives as a means of preserving Hawai'i's history; and

**WHEREAS**, archives are a great resource for students to focus on 21<sup>st</sup> century skills of research, learning, analysis and communication; and

**WHEREAS**, archival institutions are instrumental in collecting, organizing and describing Hawai'i's records through the diligent work of professional archivists and their understanding of the art, science and practice of managing historical materials; and

**WHEREAS**, archivists are dedicated to preserving Hawai'i's heritage, increasing public awareness of the civic value of archives, maintaining records in the public trust, and improving citizens' knowledge of community history; and

**WHEREAS**, there will be a multitude of events, both nationally and locally in support of Archives Month to engage the public in activities that will help them to understand both what archivists do and the importance of archives in our society;

**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**

## **"ARCHIVES MONTH"**

in Hawai'i, and urge the people of the Aloha State during October to discover the rich treasures contained in the many archives and special collections across the islands and to recognize the hard work that archivists perform on our behalf.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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