



# *Proclamation*

*In Recognition of*

## **Apprenticeship Hawai'i Week**

**WHEREAS**, the State's economy continues to grow and businesses in all industries will need an increased number of skilled workers to help Hawai'i's businesses remain competitive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Registered Apprenticeship system, a combination of job-related technical instructions with structured on-the-job learning experiences, is a tried and true workforce strategy that leads to a highly skilled workforce for industries and employers, and higher wages and long-term successful careers for Hawai'i's workers; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i currently has 7,000 registered apprentices, primarily in the construction trades, with more than 300 apprentices completing their programs annually and receiving completion certificates that are recognized nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i is developing and expanding quality and innovative apprenticeship programs in high-growth occupations and industries, such as information technology; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Department of Labor and Industrial Relations has been awarded two grants totaling over \$3 Million by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration to expand its apprenticeship program and increase apprenticeship opportunities, particularly for women and traditionally underrepresented populations such as men and women of color, people with disabilities, and veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of national efforts and vision to increase the use of Registered Apprenticeship programs to upskill the American workers and expand the talent pipeline available to industries in the U.S., Hawai'i joins the nation in celebrating the second annual National Apprenticeship Week;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 24 - 29, 2016 as**

## **"APPRENTICESHIP HAWAI'I WEEK"**

in recognition and appreciation of the importance of apprenticeship in developing skilled workers for the State of Hawai'i and the nation.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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