



# *Proclamation*

*Presented to*

## **The Global Stick & Blade Alliance World Organization**

**WHEREAS**, martial arts are traditional combat practices that were developed for the purpose of self-defense, competition, physical fitness and entertainment; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many styles of martial arts from around the world that have been passed down from generation to generation, one of which is eskrima from the Philippines; and

**WHEREAS**, the early migrants from China, Japan, Portugal, Korea, Puerto Rico, Samoa and the Philippines brought to Hawai'i their traditional styles of martial arts, making Hawai'i a major center for the cultural exchange of martial arts; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino martial arts in the islands contribute to breaking down ethnic barriers and building lifelong friendships among students and masters; and

**WHEREAS**, the fundamental discipline of Filipino martial arts emphasizes self-control, rhythm, fluidity, and respect, nurturing the physical and spiritual aspects of all practitioners and competitors; and

**WHEREAS**, in celebration of the Filipino style of martial arts, the Global Stick & Blade Alliance (GSBA) World Organization presents the 2016 GSBA World Championships at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort during the week of July 18 thru July 23, 2016;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 18 - July 23, 2016 as**

### **“FILIPINO MARTIAL ARTS WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and commend those who perpetuate the legacy and spread awareness of the functional and unique style of Filipino martial arts throughout the world.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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