



Proclamation
Presented to the
World Surf League

WHEREAS, the World Surf League (WSL) is gathering in San Clemente, California to celebrate its 40th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the World Surf League is comprised of the world's best male and female surfing professionals and a team of over 180 employees, all of whom travel for over ten months each year to organize, manage, present, and broadcast surfing events around the globe; and

WHEREAS, 23 million surfing enthusiasts around the world benefit from WSL events through cultural exposure and commercial ventures; and

WHEREAS, the World Surf League launched the Ocean Health Organization, WSL PURE, which is dedicated to protecting our oceans through research, education, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the World Surf League has contributed \$1.5 million in startup funding to support scientists from Columbia University Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory for research in ocean health and ecosystems, ocean acidification, sea-level rise, and climate change;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2016 as

**“WORLD SURF LEAGUE 40th ANNIVERSARY
TRIBUTE DAY”**

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to recognize the contributions of the WSL in promoting this Hawaiian sport around the world.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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