WHEREAS, the Counselor-in-Residence (CIR) Program at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa has been in existence for over 25 years, beginning with only one therapist available on-call for crisis situations in the residence halls but now has grown into a team of five therapists who train at the Counseling and Student Development Center; and

WHEREAS, the UH Mānoa CIR Program was recognized with the 2016 Innovative Program Award at the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators Western Regional Conference serving as an inspiration for other colleges and universities on the continental United States to initiate their own type of on-call, on-campus crisis program in residence halls; and

WHEREAS, the CIR Program on the Mānoa campus is a cooperative effort between the Student Housing Office and the Counseling and Student Development Center (CSDC), designed to meet the mental health and wellness needs of student housing residents and housing staff; and

WHEREAS, CIRs are interns or CSDC counselors who are jointly trained by the housing staff and the CIR Program coordinator and establish effective working relationships with residence hall staff, maintain records of interactions and responses to crisis situations, and work under supervision of the CIR Program coordinator; and

WHEREAS, CIRs live and work on campus, rotate primary on-call duties and provide student housing residents with on-site counseling, workshops and seminars, crisis intervention, referral services consultation, and training for housing staff; and

WHEREAS, CIRs act as backup for large-scale emergencies and are available as first-response professionals by assessing the emergency and determining the most appropriate action; and

WHEREAS, the CIR Program and the Counseling and Student Development Center strive to make UH-Mānoa a place for all students to achieve their personal, academic, and social success;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim April 10 - 14, 2017 as

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in Hawai‘i and ask that all citizens of the Aloha State join us in recognizing the value and importance of the Counselor-in-Residence Program and the dedicated team members who promote a healthy and safe environment for learning.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, on this first day of March 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

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