

Proclamation
In Recognition of
Tsunami Awareness Month

WHEREAS, tsunami waves are generated when there is a rapidly displaced large volume of water as a result of underwater earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, calving icebergs and, in rare instances, meteorite impacts; and

WHEREAS, tsunamis can be classified as waves with periods of 10 minutes to 2 hours between waves, traveling at speeds of 500 to 600 miles per hour, and having wavelengths between 60 to 300 miles; and

WHEREAS, according to the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, 59 percent of the world's tsunamis have occurred in the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, because Hawai'i is situated in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, we are at risk of harm from tsunamis of various origins and by both teleseismic waves that are generated as far away as Chile that could reach our islands within ten hours as well as locally generated tsunamic waves that could impact the islands imminently; and

WHEREAS, recent scientific research and modelling commissioned by the State of Hawai'i have informed changes to be made to local tsunami evaluation zones; and

WHEREAS, schools in these tsunami evaluation zones such as Haleiwa Elementary have taken a proactive approach to educating their students, teachers, and parents of potential tsunami risks, including what to do before, during and after a tsunami; and

WHEREAS, Tsunami Awareness Month in Hawai'i will kick off on April 3, 2017 at Haleiwa Elementary School where students will participate in an evacuation drill upon the sounding of the monthly outdoor warning siren test; and

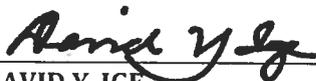
WHEREAS, Tsunami Awareness Month encourages us to become informed and better prepared in knowing the necessary steps to safeguard the lives of our family, friends and neighbors against the threat of tsunamis by creating and exercising evacuation plans ahead of an emergency;

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

"TSUNAMI AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in heeding the best practices and sound advice of our emergency management professionals at the local, state and federal level as well as our community leaders in preparing our families for this potential threat to our islands.

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