



*Proclamation*  
*In Recognition of*

## Helping to Feed Hawai'i's Hungry Month

**WHEREAS**, hunger is a serious issue for many citizens in the State of Hawai'i, whether due to financial constraints, homelessness, disability, unemployment or illness, forcing many to choose between purchasing food or paying rent, mortgages, educational expenses, transportation, utilities, or medical bills; and

**WHEREAS**, one in five island residents require food assistance, with three-fourths of households in need having incomes that fall at or below the federal poverty level; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food Bank Network, consisting of the Hawai'i Food Bank O'ahu and Kaua'i Branches, the Food Basket of Hawai'i Island, and the Maui Food Bank, distributed over 18 million pounds of food statewide last year to 479 member agencies located throughout the islands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food Bank Network feeds 287,000 people each year, including low-income families, veterans, the disabled, victims of domestic abuse, recovering substance abusers, and over 47,000 children and 46,000 elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food Bank Network and member agencies rely on the generosity of donors throughout the year and depend on volunteers who annually give over 247,000 hours of labor to carry out its mission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food Bank Network will hold its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Drive Day statewide on April 15, 2017 to raise awareness of hunger in Hawai'i and collect food and funds to feed the hungry;

**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**

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in Hawai'i and strongly encourage the people of the Aloha State to give generously to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Food Drive.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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