



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

### **Nurses Week**

**WHEREAS**, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2016 there were nearly 3.6 million registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs) in the United States and they comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 2017 there were over 29,000 licensed RNs and LPNs in Hawai'i improving treatment of our residents and supporting the state's health system; and

**WHEREAS**, National Nurses Week will be observed May 6 through May 12, 2017, in association with the American Nurses Association, celebrating the ways in which nurses provide safe and high quality patient care; and

**WHEREAS**, demand for nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging American population and the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings, including the correctional system where professional nursing is indispensable in the safety and care of patients, and

**WHEREAS**, quality health care services provided by nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in our community and our institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, there are 73 nurses currently employed by the State of Hawai'i's Department of Public Safety, with 9 more RN positions to be filled; and

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 6 - 12, 2017 as**

## **"NURSES WEEK"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring our nurses throughout the country and across the Aloha State who provide the highest quality health care for all of us.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of May 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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