



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Hurricane Preparedness Week

WHEREAS, hurricanes are among nature's most powerful and destructive phenomena; and

WHEREAS, the destructive winds, heavy rains, damaging surf, inland and coastal flooding, lightning and tornadoes that may accompany these powerful storms can threaten lives and cause significant damage to homes, businesses and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, during the 2016 hurricane season, Tropical Storm Darby brought strong winds to Hawai'i island and flooding rains to Maui, Moloka'i and O'ahu; Hurricanes Madeline and Lester almost brought much more significant impact but fortunately shifted course; and all three systems brought high surf and coastal flooding to portions of the islands; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 hurricane season marks the 25th anniversary of Hurricane Iniki which struck Kauai on September 11, 1992 as a Category 4 hurricane, leading to six deaths, over 100 injuries, three billion dollars in damage, and life-changing impact lasting more than a generation; and

WHEREAS, it only takes one storm to affect your life and your community but with proper preparation, we can ensure the safety of ourselves and our loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in conjunction with its partners, has declared May 7-13 as National Hurricane Preparedness Week, and the State of Hawai'i is joining this effort;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 7 - 13, 2017 as

"HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in encouraging residents to safeguard their homes and their 'ohana in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of April 2017.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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