Proclamation

In Recognition of

Correctional Officers and Employees Week

WHEREAS, first established by President Reagan in 1984 as “National Correctional Officers Week,” it was later changed to “National Correctional Officers and Employees Week” in 1996 to recognize the men and women who work in jails, prisons and community corrections facilities across the country; and

WHEREAS, set as the first full week in May, National Correctional Officers and Employees Week will be observed this year beginning May 7, 2017 through May 13, 2017, in association with the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Prisons; and

WHEREAS, this week highlights and honors the work of correctional officers and employees for their service with honor, respect and integrity; and

WHEREAS, one of the objectives of the week is to raise awareness of the duties, hazards and sacrifices made by correctional workers; and

WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers and Employees Week in Hawai‘i recognizes the employees of all state prisons and jail facilities for their role in safeguarding the citizens of the State of Hawai‘i by mediating, counseling and mentoring inmates all while providing the safe, secure and humane incarceration of offenders within their custody;

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

“CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK”

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the many correctional workers at our jail and prison facilities for their perseverance and dedication to government service and for preserving the safety and security of our community.

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