



Proclamation *Presented to the*

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WHEREAS, June 8, 2017 is recognized by the United Nations as "World Oceans Day" and this celebration serves as an important reminder to all people that we must protect this life sustaining ecosystem and understand that a healthy and thriving ocean is essential to all human beings; and

WHEREAS, the waters surrounding our islands are considered among the healthiest ocean environments on the planet and therefore, we have a responsibility to be stewards of the oceans and waterways that have sustained our ancestors for centuries and to ensure that these remarkable ecosystems are viable for future generations; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the long-term health, resilience, and productivity of our marine environments require us to protect and preserve them as we face a range of threats; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that the ocean is also being threatened by a changing climate, which is causing sea levels and ocean temperatures to rise, and these effects can harm both ecosystems and communities that rely on them; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i we have a rich heritage that teaches us to venture beyond our horizons to connect and engage with others globally; and

WHEREAS, despite the huge challenges facing the future of our world's oceans, we believe that by working together, we can support a healthy ocean to sustain humans, plants and animals; and

WHEREAS, throughout June, there will be a variety of celebratory events in Hawai'i, including the North Shore Ocean Fest on June 3rd, the World Oceans Day Celebration at Ko Olina on June 10th and the Hōkūle'a Homecoming between June 17th - 20th;

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

WORLD OCEANS MONTH IN HAWAI'I

and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join in celebrating World Oceans Month in Hawai'i throughout June and to support responsible stewardship of this life-giving resource in perpetuity.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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