

Proclamation

Presented to

The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs and the Executive Office on Aging

WHEREAS, the national theme for 2017 Older Americans Month is “Age Out Loud,” to give aging a new voice--reflecting what today’s older adults have to say; and

WHEREAS, the need to help older Americans strive for wellness, focus on independence, advocate for themselves and others is greater than ever before since many are becoming more active in their communities, working longer, and trying new activities; and

WHEREAS, older Americans have a wealth of knowledge and wisdom to offer younger generations because they are a living connection to our past; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai‘i believes that all kupuna contribute to all of our communities and remains committed to supporting our kupuna as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on their independence; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs advocates for and helps our kupuna to successfully contribute to and benefit from their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office on Aging is committed to raising awareness about issues facing our kupuna and helping all individuals thrive in communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

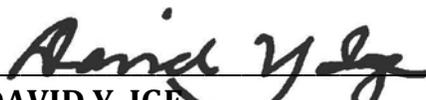
WHEREAS, the State of Hawai‘i can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of all individuals of all ages by involving kupuna in the redefinition of aging, promoting home and community-based services that support independent living, encouraging kupuna to speak up for themselves and others, and offering opportunities for our kupuna to share their experiences;

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

“OLDER AMERICANS MONTH”

in Hawai‘i and urge every resident to take the time to acknowledge our kupuna, recognize those who support them, and encourage our kupuna so they can “Age Out Loud” in the Aloha State.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i



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