



Proclamation
Presented to
Legacy of Life

WHEREAS, for the past 30 years, Legacy of Life Hawai'i has been steadfast in its efforts to save lives through the promotion of organ donation in our community, bringing hope to many Hawai'i residents in need of an organ, cornea or tissue transplant; and

WHEREAS, Legacy of Life Hawai'i strives to honor and support those who have selflessly given the "gift of life" and their families as well as educate and cultivate an understanding in our community that life is worth giving as an organ donor; and

WHEREAS, through public education efforts, legislative support, partnerships with local hospitals, media attention and visibility built over the years, the number of adults in Hawai'i who are registered organ donors has grown from 12 percent in 1991 to 61 percent today; and

WHEREAS, more than 400 seriously-ill Hawai'i residents are waiting for a life-saving heart, liver, kidney, or pancreas transplant while hundreds more need cornea or bone transplants so they can live better, healthier lives. Unfortunately, there are insufficient donations to meet the need; and

WHEREAS, donation continues to impact many thousands of Hawai'i residents who are recipients of a life-saving organ or life-restoring cornea or tissue transplant. The families of transplant recipients are also spared the anguish of losing a loved one who would have otherwise perished without a donation;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 16 - 22, 2017 as

"LEGACY OF LIFE HAWAII WEEK"

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the value and importance of becoming an organ, cornea and tissue donor and supporting the life-saving work of Legacy of Life Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on the fourteenth day of July 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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