Proclamation

In Recognition of

SEA-US Transpacific Fiber System Day

WHEREAS, access to advanced broadband services is a necessity for economic development and global competitiveness, enhances innovation, and drives delivery of new health, education, social service, telecommunications and emergency response applications; and

WHEREAS, transpacific cables are the critical infrastructure and lifeline to Hawai‘i’s exponentially growing broadband needs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai‘i recognizes that Internet use by Hawai‘i residents, businesses and visitors is rapidly growing due to increased demand for broadband connectivity to a wide range of online content including video, music and other online and cloud applications and content; and

WHEREAS, new transpacific cable systems were bypassing our state because technology has advanced to the point where these cables no longer need to land in Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Asia—US (SEA-US) submarine fiber network, the most technologically advanced transpacific cable system providing direct access between Indonesia, the Philippines, Guam, Hawai‘i and California, adds to Hawai‘i’s transpacific capacity; and

WHEREAS, the SEA-US Cable System provides an initial 20 terabit per second capacity, with 100 Gigabit per second technology over approximately 9,300 miles of fiber; and

WHEREAS, Hawaiian Telcom is a partner in this historic project alongside SEA-US consortium members Globe Telecom (Manila, Philippines), GTA (Tamuning, Guam), GTI (Los Angeles, California), RTI (San Francisco, California), Telin (Jakarta, Indonesia) and Telkom USA (Los Angeles, California);

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim July 28, 2017 as

"SEA-US TRANSPACIFIC FIBER SYSTEM DAY"

in Hawai‘i and recognize and appreciate the efforts of Hawaiian Telcom in improving connectivity between Southeast Asia, Hawai‘i and North America.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this twenty-fourth day of July 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

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