



DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

BIOGRAPHY:

Governor David Y. Ige was sworn in as the eighth governor of the State of Hawai'i on December 1, 2014. He became the fourth native-born Governor of Hawai'i and first governor in the United States of America of Okinawan descent.

Governor Ige was born and raised in Pearl City, O'ahu and is the fifth of six sons of Tokio and Tsurue Ige.

He attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

Governor Ige then went on to work for GTE Hawaiian Tel -- a career that spanned 18 years. He took graduate courses at UH and earned a master of Business Administration degree in Decisions Sciences. In 1986, Hawaii Business magazine named him one of the university's Top 10 MBA students.

Governor Ige became a successful electrical engineer and project manager with a 34-year career devoted to information technology, telecommunications, networks, and responsible public policy. He served as program/project manager with Robert A. Ige and Associates, Inc., Vice President of Engineering at NetEnterprise, and Project Engineer/Senior Principal Engineer at Pihana Pacific, which established the first world-class data center and carrier-neutral Internet exchange in Hawai'i and the Pacific.

Governor Ige began his political career in 1985 after being appointed by then Governor George Ariyoshi to fill a vacant seat in the Hawai'i House of

Representatives. In 1994, then Representative Ige was elected to the Hawai'i Senate where he represented his home district of 'Aiea / Pearl City until 2014.

Governor Ige and his wife Dawn have three children -- Lauren, Amy and Matthew, who are currently pursuing their degrees at universities on the mainland.