

Proclamation

In Recognition of

The 50th Anniversary of Hanauma Bay Marine Life Conservation District

WHEREAS, Hanauma Bay was established as the first marine life conservation district in the State of Hawai'i on October 23, 1967; and

WHEREAS, Hanauma Bay is a thriving coral reef ecosystem with over 450 varieties of fish, the largest standing biomass of reef fish on 'Oahu, making it one of the most unique and striking underwater landscapes in the world; and

WHEREAS, 20 to 30 percent of the fishes found in Hanauma Bay exists only in the Hawaiian Islands; and

WHEREAS, Hanauma Bay is home to the green sea turtle, the last remaining reptile indigenous to the Hawaiian Islands; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, Hanauma Bay has served as a model of marine protection and education, by limiting the number of visitors and helping them be better educated about its marine environment; and

WHEREAS, the Hanauma Bay Education Center, opened in 2002, is internationally acknowledged as a model for marine environmental education programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and the City and County of Honolulu work together in the spirit of mālama honua to protect and preserve Hanauma Bay; and

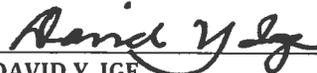
WHEREAS, since 1990, the Friends of Hanauma Bay is dedicated to the conservation of coastal and marine environments and committed to preserving Hanauma Bay for future generations;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2017 as

"HANAUMA BAY MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICT DAY"

and encourage citizens of the Aloha State to recognize the 50th anniversary of Hawai'i's first marine life conservation district and the work of all those who strive to protect and preserve Hanauma Bay and its valuable natural resources.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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