



# *Proclamation*

*Presented to*

## **The Polynesian Voyaging Society**

**WHEREAS**, the Polynesian Voyaging Society launched a worldwide voyage in May 2014 with the goal of sailing across Earth's oceans to share indigenous wisdom, groundbreaking conservation and preservation initiatives, create global relationships, and discover the wonders of Island Earth; and

**WHEREAS**, crews on the worldwide voyaging canoes, the Hōkūle'a and Hikianalia, used traditional Polynesian wayfinding techniques, including observations of the stars, the sun, the ocean swells, and the winds to navigate across the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hōkūle'a has sparked a reawakening of Hawaiian culture, language, and identity and revitalized voyaging and navigation traditions throughout the Pacific; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the voyage the crew shared updates and discoveries from the journey and encouraged students of all ages to track the voyaging canoes in real-time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawaiian name of this voyage is Mālama Honua, Caring for Our Island Earth, with the mission of engaging communities worldwide in practicing how to live sustainably and inspire action to care for our natural world; and

**WHEREAS**, we in Hawai'i acknowledge that the immense environmental challenges that face the world are upon us and embrace the responsibility of being the guiding light for all toward a safer and more sustainable future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hōkūle'a, Hikianalia, and its crewmembers have now made their historic return home to Hawai'i after sailing more than 60,000 nautical miles, reaching more than 150 ports in 23 countries and territories around the world;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 17, 2017 as**

## **“HŌKŪLE‘A HOMECOMING DAY 2017”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the return of Hawai'i's iconic voyaging canoe after its three-year sail around the world to spread the message of Mālama Honua, Caring for Our Island Earth.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixteenth day of June 2017.



DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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