



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to the*

### **Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i and INNOVATE Hawai'i**

**WHEREAS**, Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i, the state's the leading business organization in Hawai'i since 1850, represents about 2,000 businesses and works on behalf of its members to improve the State's economic climate and address issues of common concern; and

**WHEREAS**, INNOVATE Hawai'i, an affiliate center of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), is administered locally by the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC); and

**WHEREAS**, INNOVATE Hawai'i assists small- to medium-sized manufacturers and pre-manufacturers to overcome their growth issues to succeed in the global market; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Center for Manufacturing Research, there are 740 manufacturers in Hawai'i, with about 86 percent of the state's export share, that provide 14,000 jobs with an average annual compensation of almost \$44,000 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, International (FMA), National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) are co-sponsors of National Manufacturing Day on October 6, 2017, which is dedicated to supporting the manufacturing industry in the United States and empowering manufacturers to collectively address their challenges and to help their communities and future generations thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of U.S. manufacturers across the nation will participate in Manufacturing Day by hosting open houses, public tours, career workshops, and other events to draw the public's attention to work opportunities in manufacturing and encourage job seekers to develop the skills they need to qualify for long-term careers in this secure and growing sector of the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i and INNOVATE Hawai'i have joined the movement and will be hosting a manufacturing facilities tour to highlight the importance of manufacturing to our community and the U.S. economy in general; and

**WHEREAS**, by joining manufacturers around the country in opening our doors on Manufacturing Day, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i and INNOVATE Hawai'i will share information about careers in the manufacturing sector and show the public that modern manufacturing is a technology-driven industry that offers secure, well-paying jobs in the State of Hawai'i;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2017 as**

## **"MANUFACTURING DAY"**

in Hawai'i, and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us by participating in the events offered to learn of the exciting opportunities that are offered in today's manufacturing industry.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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