



# *Proclamation*

*In Recognition of*

## **Construction Month in Hawai'i**

**WHEREAS**, thousands of hardworking Hawai'i residents are part of the state's construction industry, which employs more than 37,000 people statewide in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i state construction industry contributed over \$5 billion to the gross domestic product in the state of Hawai'i; accounting for more than 6 percent of the state's total economic output; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a shortage of workers in the skilled trades that will continue to increase in the years to come, posing a challenge to sustainable economic growth across all industries; and

**WHEREAS**, Manpower Group's 2016-2017 Annual Talent Shortage Survey indicated that the skilled trades topped the "hardest to fill jobs" list in the United States for the fifth consecutive year; and

**WHEREAS**, bringing awareness to a career in construction will serve as a launching point for employers in the construction industry to make connections with schools, local community groups, veteran programs and other networks to spread the word about the wide-ranging opportunities in the field of construction; and

**WHEREAS**, developing and retaining talented, skilled trade workers are necessary to meet the demand from current and future construction projects, including increasing our housing inventory; and

**WHEREAS**, Construction Month in Hawai'i will help increase the visibility of the construction industry and promote it as a safe, exciting and rewarding career option in our communities;

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

## **"CONSTRUCTION MONTH IN HAWAII"**

and encourage all Hawai'i residents to recognize the vital role the construction industry plays in our economy and community.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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