



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

### **Hamamatsu/Queen's PET Imaging Center, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Teruo Hiruma, retired President & CEO of Hamamatsu Photonics K.K., approached The Queen's Medical Center in 1994 to serve as a site for a prototype Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scanner, recognizing PET's potential to help patients and clinicians in the early diagnosis and treatment of illnesses such as cancer and neurological diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hamamatsu/Queen's PET Imaging Center, LLC was established in 1997 between Photonics Management Corporation, formerly known as Hamamatsu Photonics K.K., and The Queen's Medical Center to support PET research for the development of new PET tracers and cancer treatment drugs and the clinical care of patients in the State of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hiruma encouraged collaborative discussions between Hamamatsu Photonics' engineers and Queen's physicians and researchers to develop creative commercial applications for photonics technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, with the formation of the PET Imaging Center, Queen's became the first hospital in the United States with a 32-ring detector PET scanner and one of twenty in the nation to have a PET scanner that provided higher resolution and faster scan times than established PET scanners of that time which had sixteen rings; and

**WHEREAS**, the PET Center today houses a 64 slice PET/computed tomography (CT) scanner, conducts research and clinical trials in order to develop and further the medical and industrial applications of the PET technology, obtains new insights into human physiology and higher brain function, and serves the medical needs of the State of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region; and

**WHEREAS**, this diagnostic scanner provides physicians with detailed assessments of biochemical activity on the body that help diagnose and treat heart disease, stroke, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease and cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 20 years, this business and research endeavor has changed cancer treatment for Hawai'i patients and continues to lead to new ways to diagnose and treat that disease; and

**WHEREAS**, today there are three other PET scanners at other organizations in Hawai'i, and PET as a diagnostic and imaging modality has advanced clinical care in Hawai'i, and PET research supported by extramural grants has added immeasurably to the body of clinical knowledge through peer-reviewed publications;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2017 as**

## **"HAMAMATSU/QUEEN'S PET IMAGING CENTER 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating the center's successes and its value to the medical field in helping all those seeking quick diagnosis and treatment of a variety of illnesses.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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