



Proclamation

In Recognition of

2017 Samoan Flag Day Celebration

WHEREAS, American Samoa is comprised of Tutuila, Manu'atele (Ta'u, Ofu, Olosega and Muli'ava islands), Aunu'u and the Swains Islands; and

WHEREAS, April 17, 1900 marks the signing of the Deed of Cession of Tutuila to the United States and the raising of the American flag over the Territory of American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, Samoan Flag Day is celebrated in Samoan communities across the United States on various dates as a day of cultural exchange and preservation of Samoan traditions through song, dance, sports and education; and

WHEREAS, the 52nd Samoan Flag Day Celebration in the State of Hawai'i commemorates the 117th anniversary of the declaration of American Samoa as a U.S. territory, making it the longest running Samoan event held in Hawai'i; and-

WHEREAS, the 52nd Samoan Flag Day Celebration is sponsored by Atoa-o-Ali'i, a council of Samoan chiefs and orators in Hawai'i under the leadership of the council president, High Chief Leota Tuia; and

WHEREAS, the 52nd Samoan Flag Day Celebration reaffirms the ties of friendship, culture and mutual esteem between the people of Hawai'i and American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, Samoans in Hawai'i have established a distinguished record of civic achievement and pride in their home islands and adopted communities 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 December 8, 2017 as

"SAMOAN FLAG DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the value of diversity, honoring the achievements and contributions of the Samoan community, and sharing their heritage and culture.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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