



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Richard “Buffalo” Kalolo’okalani Keaulana

WHEREAS, kindness, harmony, gentleness, humility and patience are characteristic of the words, actions and life of Richard “Buffalo” Kalolo’okalani Keaulana; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo is nicknamed the Mayor of Makaha, a lifesaver who protected beachgoers while he worked as a lifeguard at Makaha Beach for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, he is a champion bodysurfer who won the Makaha International Surfing Championship four years in a row; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Buffalo was chosen as a steerman for the maiden voyage of the Hōkūle’a, and with his courage and expertise, he kept the crew safe; and

WHEREAS, his experience on the Hōkūle’a inspired him to return to Makaha and share his Hawaiian culture, particularly, the he’e nalu or wave sliding; and

WHEREAS, he is a gifted waterman who founded Buffalo’s Big Board Surfing Classic at Makaha, which remains a popular event, known for challenging and fun-loving maneuvers in a big ‘ohana environment, where people “share the surf, share the water to have fun”; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo is man of faith whose mission is “to change everyone’s mentality that you can enjoy, have fun, not be a bad guy and show goodness in your heart . . . what it is to be good, what it is to be Hawaiian and what it is to show more family values”; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo is most well-known for his love and respect for others, and his legacy lies with his family, neighbors, surfers, fishermen and everyone who wants to learn the ways of the ocean and the ways of aloha;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai’i, do hereby proclaim December 9, 2017 as

“BUFFALO KEAULANA, MAYOR OF MAKAHA DAY”

in Hawai’i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Richard “Buffalo” Kalolo’okalani Keaulana for his perseverance, passion, faith and leadership and all that he has contributed to the community and our future generations.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai’i



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