



Proclamation
In Recognition of

Korean American Day

WHEREAS, in 1882, the United States and Korea signed a treaty establishing a relationship of peace, friendship and commerce; and

WHEREAS, in December 1902 the SS Gaelic set sail for Hawai'i with 102 Korean immigrants on board, arriving in Honolulu on January 13, 1903; and

WHEREAS, the Korean American Foundation Hawai'i (KAFH) is a non-profit organization that promotes Korean culture, history and heritage; and

WHEREAS, KAFH was established in 2004 as the successor organization to the Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration to the United States, which organized centennial celebrations throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS, KAFH annually commemorates the January 13, 1903 arrival of the First Korean immigrants to the United States and Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, KAFH sponsors important community events such as the annual Korean Festival, maintains the Centennial Monument at the Pawa'a In-Ha Park and Pu'uiki Cemetery in Waialua, commemorates historic sites via historic site plaques, sponsors important community events, and awards grants for other mission related projects; and

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 13, 2018 as

“KOREAN AMERICAN DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the valuable contributions Korean Americans have made to Hawaii.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twelfth day of January 2018.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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