

Proclamation

In Recognition of

Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative 10th Anniversary Celebration

WHEREAS, Hawai'i has an abundance of indigenous renewable energy resources, including wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, and ocean and other water sources, and recognizes that these resources create opportunities toward achieving energy independence and a cleaner environment; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative, a partnership between the State of Hawai'i and the U.S. Department of Energy that launched in 2008, put forth a bold new policy agenda supported by a diverse group of stakeholders committed to Hawai'i's clean energy future and has grown stronger during the course of three gubernatorial administrations; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is the first state in the nation to enact a 100 percent renewable portfolio standard for the energy sector and the first state to enact legislation that implements portions of the Paris climate agreement; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i has led the nation for six consecutive years in the per capita value of energy performance savings contracts; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is one of the nation's leaders in the adoption of distributed solar energy despite limitations of its isolated electrical grids and is positioning itself to meet its clean energy goals in the electricity sector by focusing on utility resource planning, rate design, and price signals to optimize resource deployment in a way that achieves greatest value for the lowest cost for all customers; and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis has been placed on reducing petroleum use in the transportation sector, which accounts for more than half of all energy consumed in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, taking action to transition from oil imports to use of indigenous renewable resources and efficient technologies is making Hawai'i a global model for job creation, industrial transformation, environmental compliance, and technology innovation;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 9, 2018 as

“HAWAI'I CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE DAY”

in Hawai'i and call upon all citizens and energy stakeholders of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating this landmark partnership and encourage continued engagement as we advance our clean energy transformation.

DONE at Washington Place, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this 9th day of January 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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