



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

### **Christian Heritage Week**

**WHEREAS**, Henry 'Opukaha'ia, educated in Connecticut, whose zeal for Christ and love for the Hawaiian people inspired missionaries to go to Hawai'i in 1820; and

**WHEREAS**, the first missionaries from Boston arrived in Kailua-Kona in 1820 and erected a grass-hut church on a plot of land given by King Kamehameha II, and under the leadership of missionary Asa Thurston, the construction of Moku'aikaua Church was completed in 1837; and

**WHEREAS**, the State motto "ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina ika pono" – the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness – was first uttered by Queen Keōpuōlani as she was baptized a Christian before her death in 1823; and

**WHEREAS**, Kawaiaha'o Church stands as the first Christian church built on O'ahu and is respected as a place of worship where the Hawaiian culture and language is perpetuated; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, 175 years after Henry 'Opukaha'ia's death in Connecticut, his remains were returned to Hawai'i and reinterred at Kahikolu Church in Napo'opo'o, Kona; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Association of Evangelicals sets aside activities and events for ministries and churches to celebrate the tradition of Christian Heritage Week;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 11-17, 2018 as**

## **"CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people to recognize its observance and understand the history and heritage of Christianity in the islands.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of February 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i