



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Director General Wallace Chow

WHEREAS, a sister-state relationship was established between the State of Hawai'i and Taiwan in 1993 and a liaison office for the State of Hawai'i was established in Taipei in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu (TECO) is the representative office of the Republic of China (ROC) in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the mission of TECO is to promote exchanges and cooperation in trade and investment, science and technology, culture, education and tourism between Taiwan and Hawai'i and American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, Director General Wallace Minn-Gan Chow serves to provide consular services and to assist overseas compatriots living and visiting in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Director General Chow promotes mutual understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture by hosting Lunar New Year receptions and National Day receptions in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Director General Chow fosters cultural and educational exchanges, promotional fairs, economic initiatives, trade missions and gubernatorial visits, including visits by Hawai'i state legislators to Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2017, Director General Chow signed a reciprocal driver's license agreement with Hawai'i, allowing Taiwan nationals residing in Hawai'i with a valid ROC driver's license and exempting them from taking a written test and road test, and vice versa for Hawai'i residents working in Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Director General Chow facilitated Republic of China President Tsai Ing-wen's visit to Hawai'i in October 2017; and

WHEREAS, Director General Wallace Chow served at TECO from July 2014 and will end his tenure in March 2018;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby recognize and pay tribute to

"DIRECTOR GENERAL WALLACE CHOW"

of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in acknowledging and appreciating his contributions to Hawai'i, Taiwan and the international community at large.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i