



# *Proclamation*

*Presented to*

## **Lanakila Pacific**

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years of age and older; and

**WHEREAS**, Meals on Wheels America established the March for Meals campaign in March 2002 to raise awareness of the growing problem of senior hunger in America and supports more than 5,000 community-based programs across the nation that are dedicated to addressing senior isolation and hunger; and

**WHEREAS**, Lanakila Meals on Wheels is the largest and only island-wide delivery program in Hawai'i for our kūpuna on O'ahu; and

**WHEREAS**, Lanakila Meals on Wheels provides a powerful socialization opportunity for hundreds of kupuna to help combat loneliness and isolation, offering home delivery of nutritious meals, personal interaction with volunteers, and group dining options; and

**WHEREAS**, Lanakila Meals on Wheels has served our kūpuna admirably for more than 47 years, helping them to maintain their independence with dignity in their own homes; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers for Lanakila Meals on Wheels on Oahu are the backbone of the program, and because of their hard work, many seniors within our communities are taken care of; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lanakila Meals on Wheels program on Oahu has made countless contributions and we are grateful for the difference they make in our state;

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

## **“MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH”**

in Hawai'i, and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the value of the Meals on Wheels programs in our state and celebrating the contributions Lanakila Meals on Wheels has made in helping to combat senior hunger and isolation within our community.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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