Proclamation
In Recognition of
2018 National Small Business Week

WHEREAS, progress in our state and across our country has been driven by pioneers, risk-takers, and hard workers; and

WHEREAS, from the storefront shops that anchor Main Street to the high-tech startups that keep our nation on the cutting edge, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstone of our nation’s promise; and

WHEREAS, small business owners, Main Street businesses, and innovation entrepreneurs demonstrate energy and a passion for what they do; and

WHEREAS, when we support local small businesses, we create jobs, our communities thrive, and we preserve our unique character, culture, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, this country’s 28 million small businesses create nearly two out of three jobs in our economy; and

WHEREAS, to continue to create jobs and spur economic growth, we must continue to develop ways to support our entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai‘i joins the Hawai‘i Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration in honoring Hawai‘i’s outstanding small business owners, entrepreneurs, exporters and advocates for their achievements and contributions to our economic well-being;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim April 29-May 5, 2018 as

“2018 National Small Business Week”

In Hawai‘i, and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of our local small businesses and recommitting ourselves to supporting them as their success directly correlates with the success of our communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this twenty-third day of April 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

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