



# *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

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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