



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Transcending Oil Day

WHEREAS, the prosperity and well-being of our communities depend on a collective transition and transformation from fossil fuels to renewable energy that benefits the greater good and promotes a healthy environment for our island state; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's heavy reliance on imported oil for nearly all the state's energy needs is a result of its isolated location and, until recently, a lack of cost-effective local alternatives; and

WHEREAS, electric power and ground, marine and air transportation account for 88% of petroleum use in Hawai'i, and more than 70% of electricity in Hawai'i comes from fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i residents pay as much as 260% more per kwh than the U.S. average for electricity; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 Hawai'i became the first and only state in the nation to set a 100 percent renewable portfolio standard for the electricity sector; and

WHEREAS, rapidly reducing Hawai'i's dependence on petroleum will drive billions in new investment, generate thousands of new jobs, and put the state on track to meet its long-term greenhouse gas reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, new markets for energy efficiency and renewable energy bring new economic opportunities for people in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy generation grew in Hawai'i from 9% to 27% of sales in the past decade and more than twice as many Hawai'i residents work in the clean energy sector than in the conventional energy sector ; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ige signed Senate Bill 559 to make Hawai'i the first and only state in the nation to commit by law to expand strategies and mechanisms to reduce greenhouse gas emissions statewide in alignment with the principles and goals of the Paris Agreement;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2018 as

“TRANSCENDING OIL DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the many benefits, including those related to energy, health, safety, resiliency, and sustainability that renewable energy offers, and collectively work toward Hawai'i's clean energy future.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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