



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

### **May Day Waikīkī**

**WHEREAS**, May Day Waikīkī is an annual tribute to the legendary beachboys of Waikīkī, our “Ambassadors of Aloha”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Waikīkī Beachboys were stewards of the beach who perpetuated Hawaiian watersports; and

**WHEREAS**, the first wave of beachboys arrived at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with the opening of Edward “Dude” Miller’s beach concession, which provided surfing and canoeing activities to tourists; and

**WHEREAS**, the Waikīkī Beachboys helped revive the popularity of surfing, created a way to earn a living for themselves, and followed a code of conduct that reflected their professionalism and respect for others; and

**WHEREAS**, the front line of Hawai‘i’s visitor industry, the beachboys brought a unique charm with their fun-loving personality, generosity and expertise to the sands of Waikīkī, welcoming visitors and teaching countless people with their knowledge of ocean sports and Hawaiian culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the Waikīkī Beachboys were highly skilled watermen who knew how to read weather conditions, understood the tides, winds and currents, and operated accordingly with responsibility to ocean safety; and

**WHEREAS**, today’s Waikīkī Beachboys manage Waikīkī Beach Services, providing surf lessons, outrigger canoe rides, and stand up paddling to visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, May Day Waikīkī, sponsored by the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority, is open to the public, offering free canoe rides and live entertainment for residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 Waikīkī Beachboys Honorees include Herbert “Herbie” Bessa, Frank Lamberti, George Parsons, Raymond “Mundo” Rillamas, and the late Woodbridge “Woody” Brown, Donald “Don” Lipton, and John Savio;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2018 as**

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in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating and honoring the Waikīkī Beachboys of past and present for their contributions, and in sharing our love of Hawai‘i and the aloha spirit with the world.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this first day of May 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