



Proclamation

In Recognition of

National Kids to Parks Day

WHEREAS, our national parks are cherished lands that provide our residents and visitors a place to enjoy our nation's natural beauty and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, preserving our nation's public lands and waters requires a collaborative effort among organizations, government agencies, and most importantly, park advocates and citizen stewards; and

WHEREAS, Kids to Parks Day is a grassroots movement organized by the National Park Trust (NPT) to connect kids and families to their local, state, and national parks; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i is committed to promoting healthy living, preserving our wonderful parks and recreation areas, and providing excellent space for outdoor play and relaxation; and

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of Hawai'i is reflected in the 50 state parks encompassing approximately 30,000 acres on five major islands; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's parks offer outdoor recreation and heritage opportunities to learn about our unique resources, culture and history; and

WHEREAS, each year on the third Saturday in May, NPT in conjunction with cities across the country invites kids of all ages to find their own adventure at one of the several events hosted nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the public is invited to a fun and educational adventure with outdoor activities, scavenger hunts, hiking, and family-friendly tours at Diamond Head State Monument on May 19 from 9 am – 2 pm;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2018 as

“KIDS TO PARKS DAY”

in Hawai'i, and urge the people of the Aloha State to appreciate our public lands, learn about park stewardship, and recommit ourselves to protecting and enjoying Hawai'i's state parks.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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