



# *Proclamation*

*In Recognition of*

## **National Maritime Day**

**WHEREAS**, National Maritime Day is celebrated as a time-honored tradition that recognizes one of our country's most important industries; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1933, the United States Congress declared May 22 National Maritime Day to commemorate the first successful crossing of the Atlantic Ocean from the United States to England with steam propulsion; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i has a rich maritime tradition that spans thousands of years starting with Polynesian voyagers on double-hulled sailing canoes settling in the Hawaiian archipelago to the development of trans-Pacific trade and travel routes; and

**WHEREAS**, the maritime industry contributes to the growth of our state economy and strengthens our ties with trading partners around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, 80 percent of all consumable goods are imported to Hawai'i with 98.6 percent of those goods arriving through the state's commercial harbor system; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i works closely with its maritime industry partners in the Hawaii Harbors Users Group, which includes cargo transportation and support companies, cruise passenger lines, stevedoring companies, marine emergency response companies, fuel and energy generation companies, vessel fabrication and repair companies and other commercial ventures; and

**WHEREAS**, red, white and blue will shine brightly at the lighting of Aloha Tower to celebrate and commemorate the contributions of our maritime partners who support Hawai'i's families and their way of life;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim May 22, 2018 as

## **"MARITIME DAY"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of the maritime industry as our state's primary resource for transporting consumable goods and supporting our way of life and Hawai'i's economic welfare.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of May 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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