



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Hawai'i Taiwanese Heritage Day

WHEREAS, there are over 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans, both immigrants and descendants, are active in political, economic and social spheres, and have gained success as Nobel Laureates, scientists, researchers, artists, entertainers, human rights activists, politicians, educators, athletes, and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is a place where we celebrate our rich diversity and immigrant roots, and Taiwanese immigrants and residents of Taiwanese descent add to the unique character of our islands; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans add to the prosperity of our society as they continue to grow businesses, innovate products, bolster our economy and create jobs in the nation and in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i takes part in strengthening the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan, and 2018 marks the 25th anniversary of our sister-state relationship; and

WHEREAS, study abroad opportunities, cultural exchanges and sustainability initiatives are shared and promoted both in the Hawaiian Islands and in Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, the Taiwanese community in Hawai'i has participated in various festivals and events for many years, promoting Taiwanese arts, entertainment, food and culture; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Taiwanese Heritage celebration at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Kennedy Theater includes presentation of Taiwanese American Community Scholarships to 15 graduating seniors from public high schools and a performance by the internationally famous Formosa Circus Art troupe;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2018 as

“HAWAI'I TAIWANESE HERITAGE DAY”

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the value of diversity, honoring the achievements and contributions of Taiwanese Americans, and celebrating Taiwanese culture and heritage.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of May 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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