

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Little League Baseball, founded in 1939 by Carl Stotz of Williamsport, Pennsylvania is the cornerstone of youth baseball and symbolizes the very best in youth sports; and

WHEREAS, Little League Baseball provides a safe, fun, wholesome combination of recreation and competition for nearly 3 million boys and girls in all 50 states and over 70 countries; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Little League, one of 32 Little Leagues across the islands, is believed to be one of the oldest existing Little Leagues in the State of Hawai'i, playing its first season in 1954; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu All Stars Little League advanced to the World Series, the most prestigious youth tournament comprised of 16 competing teams from around the world, by winning the 2018 State championship against Waipio, 11-0; the West Region Championship against the Tri City Little League from Rocklin, California, 11-2; and the U.S. Championship against Peachtree City American Little League, 3-0; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu All Stars Little League emerged victorious at the Little League World Series final tournment in Williamsport, Pennsylvania against South Korea's Seoul Little League team, 3-0; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu All Stars Little League's victory is Hawai'i's third Little League World Series title, following the Waipio champions in 2008 and the Ewa Beach champions in 2005, making Hawai'i one of seven states to win at least three Little League World Series Championships; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu All Stars Little League also won the Little League Baseball World Series Team Sportsmanship Award; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Little League World Series Champions are Bruce Boucher, Kory Chu, Tanner Chun, John Dela Cruz, Kaʻolu Holt, Aukai Kea, Mana Lau Kong, Chandler Murray, Hunter Nishina, Taylin Oana, Caleb Okada, Jace Souza, Zachary Won, and Sean Yamaguchi, along with Coaches Gerald Oda, Keith Oda and Willis Kato;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2018 as

"HONOLULU ALL STARS LITTLE LEAGUE DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the players, coaches, parents and community supporters of Little League Baseball and celebrate another historic victory by our young athletes and coaches who demonstrated excellence, commitment, sportsmanship, and humility, and shared the Aloha Spirit.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of September 2018.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i