

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was adopted by leaders from 48 countries, asserting the basic rights and freedoms of every man, woman and child; and

WHEREAS, the UDHR is the first universal statement on an international level affirming that all human beings “are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood”; and

WHEREAS, basic human rights are based on values like dignity, fairness, equality, respect and independence; and

WHEREAS, basic human rights apply to everyone regardless of nationality, place of residence, gender, national origin, race, color, religion, or any other status; and

WHEREAS, recognition of basic human rights is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, the UDHR serves as a beacon for emerging democracies and the ongoing struggle for equal justice for all; and

WHEREAS, every man, woman and child deserves to be free from slavery, torture and arbitrary arrest or detention; and

WHEREAS, promoting human rights can lead to friendly global relations, bringing nations together in the fight against tyranny, violence, hatred, and oppression; and

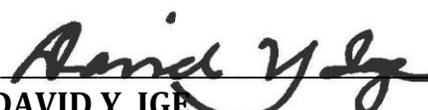
WHEREAS, in 2006, President George W. Bush declared that “by standing with those who desire liberty, we will help extend freedom to many who have not known it and lay the foundations of peace for generations to come”;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim December 9-15, 2018 as

“HUMAN RIGHTS AWARENESS WEEK”

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, give thanks for the rights and freedoms we have in our daily lives, and continue to raise human rights awareness around the world.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this seventh day of December 2018.


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i


JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai‘i