



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i is an international gathering place where people from all over the world, particularly Japan, migrate to live, work and attend school; and

**WHEREAS**, as a gateway location between East and West, Hawai'i residents also migrate to Japan for the same purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability to drive is critical to the quality of life in Hawai'i and in Japan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Japan and the State of Hawai'i require that residents in their respective jurisdictions hold a valid driver's license while operating a motor vehicle on public roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Japan and the Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) want to simplify applications for non-commercial driver's licenses to assist applicants from Japan living in the State of Hawai'i and vice versa; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i will allow Japanese citizens living in Hawai'i to obtain a state license without having to take the road test or written exam if they possess a valid driver's license issued by the Government of Japan and vice versa; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Cooperation will be signed by HDOT Director Jade Butay and Consul General Koichi Ito of the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu on December 20, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, this mutual agreement symbolizes Hawai'i's history and strong relationship with Japan, especially in light of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gannenmono;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim December 20, 2018 as**

## **"JAPAN DRIVER'S LICENSE RECIPROCITY DAY"**

in Hawai'i with the mutual Memorandum of Cooperation for the Reciprocal Exemption of Driver's License Examination as the State of Hawai'i looks for new innovative ways to promote exchange and bolster our relationships between Japan and Hawai'i.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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