



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i (COCH) is a statewide nonprofit organization with more than 2,000 companies representing more than 200,000 employees, serving for 168 years as the "Voice of Business" in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, COCH serves as the advocate for business of all sizes in Hawai'i, working on behalf of members to advance the state's economic environment and help businesses thrive locally, nationally and globally; and

WHEREAS, COCH protects employers from increasing business costs, supports progress of new industries and sectors, attracts new businesses, promotes competition and increases employment opportunities for the people of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, COCH offers business networking, training and business building opportunities, and advocates on behalf of business interests to foster positive action on issues of common concern to the business community; and

WHEREAS, COCH offers a Young Professionals program to help shape future business leaders in Hawai'i and educate and advance their role in the business community; and

WHEREAS, COCH promotes Made in Hawai'i brands, supports the Buy Local movement, and as the exclusive state representative for the National Manufacturers Association, showcases Hawai'i's manufacturing industry; and

WHEREAS, COCH, as trustee of the Public Health Fund, provides grants to O'ahu-based community organizations that are implementing public health education and research projects to benefit the people of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, COCH members participate in community events and fundraisers to help the less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i is hosting "Chamber Week" with a series of events designed to encourage local businesses to become more involved in the legislative process and to give members the opportunity to hear from key legislators on matters facing our economic future;

THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 15-18, 2019 as

"CHAMBER WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and thanking the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i for its efforts to support and empower the island's small business community.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of January 2019.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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