



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the International Space Station is the largest space station ever constructed; and

WHEREAS, the International Space Station Program brings together international flight crews for space missions, research and explorations, and to date, astronauts from 18 countries have landed on the space station; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2018, the Soyuz MS-08 spacecraft was launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan with crew members Oleg Artemyev of Latvia and Ricky Arnold and Drew Feustel of the United States joining the 55th Expedition to the space station; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Colonel Ellison Onizuka of Hawai'i, Commander Oleg Artemyev continued Onizuka's mission, carrying a copy of the original photograph of former governor George Ariyoshi's family which was recovered from the Challenger explosion in 1986; and

WHEREAS, instead of using a Russian word, Commander Artemyev broke with tradition and named the mission "Hawai'i," in reference to a time in history when Russians first arrived in Hawai'i and lived among the people of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the three crew members aboard the Soyuz MS-08 embodied the Aloha Spirit throughout the mission and wore aloha shirts to greet the first half of the 55th Expedition that arrived on the International Space Station—Anton Shkaplerov of Russia, Scott Tingle of the U.S. and Norishige Kanai of Japan; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of friendship and international cooperation, Henk Rogers continues to boost Hawai'i's reputation as a state instrumental in space exploration through his support of space missions, creation of the Hawai'i Space Exploration Analog and Simulation (HI-SEAS), and founding of the International MoonBase Alliance;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 4, 2019 as

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upon the return of the family photograph to former governor George Ariyoshi, thus completing the mission of Ellison Onizuka, and to recognize the achievements of the 55th Expedition and the international commitment of visionaries, scientists, educators, entrepreneurs and astronauts to space exploration.

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

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i