



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, parliamentary law originated in Athens nearly 3,000 years ago, was refined by the English during the last 1,000 years, was made a part of the United States Constitution in 1789, and is based on a regard for the rights: of the majority, of the minority, especially a strong minority - greater than one-third, of individual members, of absentees, and of all these together; and

**WHEREAS**, the five principles of parliamentary law are orderly procedure, equality of all members, justice for all, right of the minority to be heard on questions, and majority rule; and

**WHEREAS**, the current reference is "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition," released on September 27, 2011 which is used by organizations such as religious groups, civil boards, student educational clubs, booster clubs, condominium and community associations when seeking guidance of the correct practice of parliamentary law; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals knowledgeable of parliamentary rules and procedures are known as parliamentarians; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians (HSAP) was established in 1953 by prominent citizens of the State of Hawai'i dedicated to observing the rights of members of various organizations involved with deliberative assemblies and the HSAP is a constituent division of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) and represents parliamentarians in the State of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, the HSAP assisted in the publication of "Nā Lula Hālāwai - A Parliamentary Guide to Conducting Meetings in Hawaiian" by William J. Puette and Keaoopuakalani NeSmith, consistent with the United Nations program to cultivate indigenous languages; and

**WHEREAS**, the HSAP continuously serves the community by providing its collective expertise on parliamentary law, when requested by individuals and organizations, and sponsors educational courses, workshops and seminars for the public;

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

## **"PARLIAMENTARY LAW MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the national importance of the rules that govern the conduct of legislatures and other deliberative bodies.

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

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i