

Proclamation

WHEREAS, America is becoming more racially diverse, and the multiracial community of 17 million is one of the fastest growing populations in the nation; and

WHEREAS, interracial marriages in the United States are on the rise, and nearly half of all multiracial Americans are younger than 18; and

WHEREAS, today's parents are more likely to talk to their own children about being multiracial to help them grow up with confidence, establish identity and have a stronger appreciation for diversity; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is a mixed plate of race and ethnicity, a place where many people from around the world have made it their home; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is the state with the largest multiracial population; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of multiracial heritage reminds each person of who we are, where we come from, and the value of acceptance and respect for each other; and

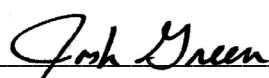
WHEREAS, participation in the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census is encouraged to reflect the diversity of each state and is critical to planning policies, enforcing anti-discrimination laws, and funding government programs for the community;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 7-14, 2019 as

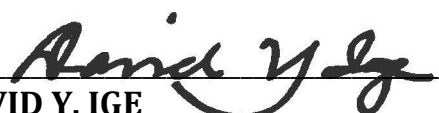
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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the beauty of Hawai'i's diversity, and as one 'ohana, we can appreciate our unique traditions, families and keiki of multiracial heritage, and share aloha across many cultures here in the islands.

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



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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i