WHEREAS, the State of Hawai‘i includes a growing number of older Americans who enrich our community through their diverse life experiences; and

WHEREAS, the people of Hawai‘i are committed to strengthening our community by connecting with and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers and acknowledging their many valuable contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, our Hawaiʻi ‘ohana recognizes the importance of bringing together all generations and engaging in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 theme for Older Americans Month is “Connect, Create, Contribute,” and everyone is encouraged to connect with friends, family, and services that support participation; create by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment; and contribute time, talent, and life experience to benefit others; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs of the Executive Office on Aging can enhance the lives of our kūpuna by promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living; involving older adults in community events and other activities; and providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor others;

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

“OLDER AMERICANS MONTH”

in Hawai‘i and urge every resident to take time during this month to recognize our older adults as valuable and respected members of our community.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, on this twentieth day of May 2019.