



Proclamation

WHEREAS, ocean lifeguards are responsible for protecting the lives of more than one million Hawai'i residents and nearly 10 million visitors who vacation in the Aloha State annually; and

WHEREAS, lifeguards protect beachgoers who surf, swim, snorkel, kayak, jetski, paddle, and participate in other activities off the shores of our islands; and

WHEREAS, lifeguards are the first responders for ocean emergencies in waters within one mile of the shoreline; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's lifeguards are trained to provide first aid, assess and navigate hazardous ocean conditions, communicate with beachgoers, and provide calm and assertive leadership in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, since the first hotels were built on the shores of Waikiki, lifeguards and experienced watermen and women have kept beachgoing visitors and tourists safe while sharing with them an appreciation for water activities; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our beachgoers has a direct impact on the tourism industry, our local economy, and the overall health, safety and well-being of our state; and

WHEREAS, local keiki from every island have the opportunity to participate in the state's summer Junior Lifeguard Program where they learn about ocean currents, perform mock rescues, and gain a greater knowledge of and appreciation for local beaches;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of July 21–27, 2019 as

"HAWAI'I BEACH SAFETY WEEK"

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and appreciating the lifeguards from Maui, Hawai'i, Kaua'i and Honolulu counties for the important work they do while putting their own life and safety on the line every day to protect others.

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

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i