WHEREAS, petroleum-fueled vehicles are responsible for over 50% of our local greenhouse gas emissions and are a contributing factor to air pollution and climate change, threatening the health of our citizens and the sustainability of our planet; and

WHEREAS, the imbalance between gasoline resources and worldwide demand is escalating gasoline prices to levels that overburden commerce, hurt economic growth and cause hardship to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the transportation sector needs support to move toward adoption of clean energy technology, including plug-in electric vehicles that reduce our dependence on foreign fuels and support a healthy environment and economy; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i is dedicated to being a leader in the use of clean energy, establishing policies and programs that conserve energy and promote sustainability; and

WHEREAS, September 14–22, 2019 has been designated as National Drive Electric Week throughout the United States to educate our citizens about the benefits of plug-in electric vehicles;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim September 14–22, 2019 as

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in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of the availability and benefits of plug-in vehicles and supporting the goals of clean energy.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this fourteenth day of September 2019.