



Proclamation

WHEREAS, lifeguards protect beachgoers who swim, snorkel, fish, kayak, jet ski, surf and paddle off the shores of our islands; and

WHEREAS, lifeguards are the primary 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 act as calm and assertive leaders in emergency situations; and

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

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

WHEREAS, beachgoers are encouraged to know one's own health limits and fitness level, always swim at a lifeguarded beach, learn how to swim and snorkel safely, always swim with a buddy, read and obey posted warning signs and always be aware of the ocean; and

WHEREAS, this year's statewide theme— "Ocean Safety During COVID Times"—reminds everyone to practice beach safety and take precautions to stop the spread of COVID-19;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim September 20–26, 2020 as

"HAWAI'I BEACH SAFETY WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the important work of lifeguards from Maui, Hawai'i, Kauai'i and Honolulu counties who put their safety on the line to protect others every day.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of September 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i