



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, entrepreneurship functions as a vital component of the State of Hawai'i's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i embraces the entrepreneurial spirit, encourages innovation and exploration of new ideas to create 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs, and strives to enhance opportunities for individuals to start their own ventures; and

**WHEREAS**, entrepreneurs and their startups or small businesses are the driver of economic vitality across the state, particularly in rural and underserved communities, accounting for two-thirds of new jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, entrepreneurship can help prepare the state's return to a vibrant economy after the COVID-19 pandemic subsides and rebuild long-term growth and stability within local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Global Entrepreneurship Week, aimed at making it easier for anyone, anywhere to start a company, is celebrated in over 170 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, this week-long celebration of entrepreneurship encompasses dozens of local and regional events, designed to expose residents to the idea of starting and running a business; connect participants to potential collaborators, mentors and even investors; and introduce them to new possibilities and exciting opportunities;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim November 16–22, 2020 as

## **“GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the value of entrepreneurship in job creation, education, innovation and economic growth in our communities.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of October 2020.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i