



Proclamation

WHEREAS, rising temperatures due to global warming have resulted in the threat of frequent and stronger hurricanes, droughts and accompanying wildfires, loss of beach and recreational areas with rising tides, heat waves, coral reef bleaching, and heavier rain events and flooding throughout Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Hawai'i State Climate Commission acknowledged that 3.2 feet of sea-level rise, driven by climate change, could occur as early as mid-century, adversely affecting thousands of structures and the lives of many due to flooding; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 UN IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report has reiterated dire warnings about global warming and climate change, its human-induced causes, and the need for aggressive action to prevent even more global catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, petroleum-fueled vehicles are responsible for about 40% of Hawai'i's greenhouse gas emissions, contribute to air, soil, and water pollution, and harm human health, and

WHEREAS, the State's transition to zero-emission vehicles will reduce its emissions, reduce its dependence on fossil fuel imports, and supports a healthy environment and economy; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i has established clean ground transportation goals to achieve a 100% light-duty zero-emission fleet by 2035; and

WHEREAS, September 25 – October 3, 2021, has been designated as National Drive Electric Week throughout the United States to inform residents and policymakers about the benefits of plug-in electric vehicles and to promote their adoption now,

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of September 25 – October 3, 2021 as

“NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK”

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 the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of August 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i