



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Month of Go recognizes the beauty and profound nature of the game of Go and celebrates Go players worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Go is one of the world's oldest board games, and has provided countless hours of enjoyment and enrichment across history, serving as a bridge between people, societies, and countries by creating friendships and facilitating exchange; and

WHEREAS, there is an estimated 46 million Go players worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Go has strengthened and enlivened the special ties between Hawaii and East Asia through institutions such as the Hawaii Kiin, which was founded in 1917 and served as an official international branch organization of the Nihon Kiin, the Japan Go Association; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Go Club has helped introduce Go to hundreds of keiki and amateur players across the state and is one of the only clubs in the United States to have a resident 9-dan pro; and

WHEREAS, July culminates in the annual American Go Association's US Go Congress and will see the recognition of Hawaii's Brian Johnson as the AGF Teacher of the Year for his work founding the Honolulu Go Club with Sid Kobashigawa, and his 16 years of teaching the class "Buddhist Philosophy and the Game of Go" at Punahou School to over 180 local students each year.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 2024, as

"The Month of Go"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the game of Go and Go players around the world for furthering an enriching past time and a piece of global cultural heritage.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of July 2024.

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i