

Proclamation Presented to

Honolulu Emergency Services Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provides our residents and visitors with advanced life support care for our sick and injured, 365 days a year, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS, paramedics and emergency medical technicians undergo years of the highest level of classroom and field training; and

WHEREAS, the quality of medical treatment has a profound impact on the patient's survival and recovery rate from serious illness and injury; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch's mission is to provide and sustain comprehensive emergency medical services throughout the state and is designed to meet the emergent medical needs of all of those who call Hawai'i home; and

WHEREAS, President Gerald Ford issued the first EMS Presidential Proclamation in 1973, making the week of May 17 – 23, 2015 as the 42nd Anniversary of National EMS Week; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "EMS STRONG" represents the hard work and selfless dedication to our island's healthcare system;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 17 - 23, 2015 as

"NATIONAL EMS WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in thanking the men and women who have dedicated themselves to caring for our communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this sixth day of May 2015.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i