

Proclamation

**Presented to** Nichi Bei Foundation

**WHEREAS,** Kayo Hatta's award-winning film "Picture Bride" depicted the journey of Japanese immigrant women who traveled uncertain waters to an unknown land, who would eventually build the foundation of Japanese American communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2015 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landmark film, one of the first independent films shot in Hawai'i, and the first theatrically-released feature film written, directed, and produced by Asian American women; and

WHEREAS, "Picture Bride" was the winner of the Audience Award at the 1995 Sundance Film Festival and featured a cast that included Youki Kudoh, Akira Takayama, Tomita, Cary Hiroyuki-Tagawa, and legendary Japanese actor Toshiro Mifune in his last acting role; and

**WHEREAS,** on September 25, 2015, special screenings of late director Kayo Hatta's groundbreaking film of Japanese immigrants will be presented by the Nichi Bei Foundation at New People Cinema in San Francisco's Japantown;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor,** and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2015 as

## **"PICTURE BRIDE DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary screening of Kayo Hatta's landmark film, "Picture Bride."

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-first day of September 2015.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i