

Proclamation In Recognition of

The 66th China National Day and Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration

WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China was founded on October 1, 1949; the central government of China passes a resolution on December 2, 1949, declaring the first day of October as the National Day (*Guojing Jie*); each year, festivities are held across the globe to celebrate this special day in history; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Autumn Festival have been celebrated by Chinese families for thousands of years on the fifteenth day of the eighth lunar month, as an occasion for family reunion and to give thanks for a bountiful harvest; and

WHEREAS, on this night, the moon seems to be at its fullest and brightest, symbolizing the bright future and happiness of the family and its members, and features the signature delicacy of the mid-autumn festival, the moon cake, whose round shape mirrors the moon to represent completeness and togetherness; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's long history and friendship with China continues to grow and flourish through events such as these; educates our *keiki* on the importance of family values and culture; and fosters harmony within the community; and

WHEREAS, the United Chinese of Hawai'i, together with many Chinese societies, organizations, and individuals, will celebrate the 66th China National Day and Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration Banquet on Saturday, September 26, 2015;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2015 as

"CHINA NATIONAL DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the United Chinese of Hawai'i and its many co-organizers in their efforts to promote better understanding among the people of Hawai'i and China. May the friendships between the United States and China continue to grow!

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

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i