

**Proclamation** Presented to

## **Hawaiian Paddle Sports**

WHEREAS, the coordinated attacks on November 13, 2015 in Paris left 130 people dead and hundreds more injured; and

WHEREAS, as an expression of love, support and solidarity with the citizens of Paris, Maui residents joined together for five full days, twelve hours per day, to make a MILE-LONG lei to share Hawai'i's "Aloha Spirit" with Paris and the world; and

**WHEREAS,** The Cynthia Rose Foundation partnered with Nalu's South Shore Grill and Hawaiian Paddle Sports to organize the creation of the mile-long *ti* leaf and fresh flower *lei* that was hand-delivered to Paris with the assistance of United Airlines, who flew the *lei* more than 7,400 miles free of charge; and

WHEREAS, as many as 200 volunteers contributed to the "Lei for Paris" either by helping to weave the lei, through financial contributions and donations of countless *ti* leaves and flowers; and

WHEREAS, the organizers partnered with a group of Maui youth leaders who travelled to Paris to attend the United Nations COP21 Conference on Climate Change to ensure the *lei* was presented at different events and locations around the city, including the memorial sites; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Sherrie Austin, Ron Panzo, Timothy Lara and countless volunteers worked to create the mile-long *lei* as a symbolic "hug" from the people of Hawai'i to comfort and stand as a bright light for the citizens of Paris and the world;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** of the **State of** Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2016 as

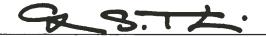
## **"LEI FOR PARIS DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in thanking and congratulating the efforts of the Lei for Paris committee.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twentieth day of January 2016.

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Governor, State of Hawai'i



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

