



Proclamation

Presented to

The Waimea Bonyu Kai Bonsai Club

WHEREAS, the Waimea Bonyu Kai Bonsai Club, the oldest bonsai club on Hawai'i island, promotes the art and science of bonsai by sharing bonsai knowledge, displays, demonstrations, and educational programs with the Waimea community; and

WHEREAS, the Waimea Bonyu Kai Bonsai Club continues a tradition that had its beginning with Japanese immigrants and contract workers who arrived in Hawai'i in the mid-1800's, growing dwarfed trees and plants in pots using materials found in Hawai'i and Japanese black pine; and

WHEREAS, the Waimea Bonyu Kai Bonsai Club commemorates its 60th year in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Waimea Bonyu Kai Bonsai Club has participated in all the Waimea Cherry Blossom Heritage Festivals, which celebrates the cherry trees propagated by the late *sensei* of the club, Isami Ishihara;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI**, Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2016 as

“WAIMEA BONYU KAI BONSAI CLUB DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask all the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in honoring this “friendship club” that perpetuates the art form of *bonsai*.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of January 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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