

## Proclamation In Recognition of

## The 7th Annual Hawai'i Week for Animals

WHEREAS, the 7th Annual Hawai'i Week for the Animals is a weeklong partnership with the Animal World USA, established in 2003, that celebrates the joy animals and pets bring to our lives; and

WHEREAS, the 7th Annual Hawai'i Week for the Animals encourages citizens to become engaged in activities that foster sustainability to protect Hawai'i's animal species and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, the 7th Annual Hawai'i Week for the Animals brings together educational institutions, animal shelters. rescue groups and humane organizations to host animal-related special events and activities such as adoption fairs, nature walks, and therapy dogs visiting hospitals and nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, 7th Annual Hawai'i Week for the Animals educates the public on promoting animal life, protecting our animal friends, and ensuring pets receive adequate and proper care; and

WHEREAS, 7th Annual Hawai'i Week for the Animals recognizes Hawai'i's unique wildlife species;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 13 to 21, 2016, as

## "HAWAI'I WEEK FOR THE ANIMALS"

in the State of Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the relationships we share with our pets and the inspiration we draw to love and care for them from wildlife conservation.

DONE, at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of February 2016.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i