Proclamation

Presented to

Legacy of Life Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Coalition on Donation, whose members include the Blood Bank of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Bone Marrow Donor Registry, Hawai'i Donor Family Council, the Hawai'i Lions Eye Bank & Makana Foundation, Hawai'i Living Donor Council, Legacy of Life Hawai'i, National Kidney Foundation of Hawai'i, the Queen's Transplant Center at the Queen's Medical Center, Surgical Associates Inc. and the Transplant Association of Hawai'i; jointly with our many volunteers are dedicated to promoting public awareness and increasing the number of organ, tissue and eye donors in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 65th Anniversary of the first successful organ transplant in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i, over four hundred people await liver, kidney or pancreas transplants; and

WHEREAS, each organ and tissue donor can help up to fifty people with life-saving and life-enhancing procedures; and

WHEREAS, our aloha tradition of caring and compassion for others will help us increase the number of organ donors among Hawai'i residents; and

WHEREAS, education, legislative support, partnerships with local hospitals, media attention and visibility has helped to increase the number of organ donations and transplants; and
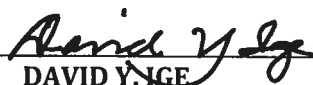
WHEREAS, the gifts of life, sight and healing are truly the most generous and honorable gifts one person can share with another;

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

"NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage Hawai'i's people to acknowledge the efforts and good works of those who make successful transplantation possible – especially the donors and their families – by wearing the green ribbon pin that symbolizes organ and tissue donation.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this 4th day of April 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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