

## **The Honolulu Emergency Services Department**

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Emergency Medical Services is the lifeline between our island's sick and injured and the local emergency rooms, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "EMS Strong: Called to Care", focuses attention on our paramedics and emergency medical technicians as skilled professionals who undergo years of training and continued annual recertification to ensure the highest level of emergency medical treatment is provided to our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the quality of medical treatment has a profound impact on the patient's survival and recovery rate from serious illness and injury; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch's mission is to provide and sustain comprehensive emergency medical services throughout the state, and is designed to meet the emergent medical needs of all of those who call Hawai'i home; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS Week has been nationally recognized since 1973, and was first designated by President Gerald Ford to honor the men and women in white who take care of those with medical needs;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor,** and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim May 15 - May 21, 2016 as

## **"EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK"**

in Hawai'i, and urge the citizens of the Aloha State to recognize all of the EMS professionals to whom we look for care during our most urgent medical emergencies.

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

DAVID Y. IGE Governor, State of Hawai'i

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