



# *Proclamation*

*presented to*

## **The Hawai'i Food Manufacturers Association**

**WHEREAS**, food manufacturing in Hawai'i is the largest manufacturing sector in the state, generating over \$900 million annually in revenue and supporting thousands of families statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Food Manufacturers Association (HFMA) was established in 1977 as a non-profit organization and currently is the only active state food manufacturing association in the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, HFMA provides local food manufacturing companies with resources, tools and expertise to benefit existing and start-up companies; and

**WHEREAS**, HFMA works to stimulate innovation and global competitiveness of its members through education and to expand the manufacturing infrastructure and capacity in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, HFMA works to increase public awareness of the food manufacturing industry with emphasis on the people, companies and products that tell the story about the diversity, integrity, quality and uniqueness that makes the food of Hawai'i special; and

**WHEREAS**, HFMA will host the third annual TASTE Awards on May 21, 2016 to recognize the achievements of exceptional individuals and companies;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of May 16 - 21, 2016 as**

## **"FOOD MANUFACTURING WEEK"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing local food manufacturers for contributing to a growing sector of the state's economy with a rich variety of traditional and innovative products enjoyed in the islands and beyond.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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