Proclamation

in Recognition of

Safe Boating Week

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i has been blessed with a vibrant ocean environment that provides many leisure opportunities for its residents and visitors; and for countless generations, recreational boating has been a favorite way to relax with family and friends while enjoying our ocean and inland waters; and

WHEREAS, even during short expeditions, safe boating practices remain extremely important, as boaters and non-boaters can be affected by accidents on the water; and lives and property are needlessly lost or damaged each year through boating accidents, many of which result from a lack of basic knowledge of boating and ocean safety; and

WHEREAS, numerous government agencies, private groups and community organizations work to educate vessel operators about ocean safety principles by offering safe boating courses, conducting safety displays at harbors and boat ramps, yacht clubs and shopping centers, and taking part in other activities to keep Hawaiian waters safe; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all persons to know that life jackets help save lives when properly worn and that carrying the proper safety equipment on board a vessel, which includes a VHF radio or EPIRB, can save lives also; and

WHEREAS, always remembering to leave a float plan with a relative, friend or neighbor can do much to take the "Search" out of Search and Rescue;

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 21-27, 2016 as

"SAFE BOATING WEEK"

in Hawai'i and urge all boaters to wear a life jacket; carry a VHF radio; obtain safe boating education; have a Vessel Safety Check; and utilize the services of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the organizations of the Hawai'i Sail and Power Squadron, the Honolulu Sail and Power Squadron, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the U.S. Coast Guard, in practicing safe boating in the commitment to use our waters safely.

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