



Proclamation

in Recognition of

Hawai'i Foreign-Trade Zone No. 9

WHEREAS, Governor John A. Burns initiated the State of Hawai'i's interest in the Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) program, which was established by the U.S. Department of Commerce in 1934; and

WHEREAS, Act 201, passed in 1963, authorized the State to apply for an FTZ grant. Approval of the grant was received on February 15, 1965 and Pier 39 was selected as Hawai'i's first FTZ site and leased from the U.S. Army. The Hawai'i Foreign-Trade Zone No. 9 was activated on June 15, 1966; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the Hawai'i Foreign-Trade Zone moved its headquarters location to Pier 2 and has grown to include 13 sites across Hawai'i with 2,600 acres authorized with FTZ designation. Foreign-Trade Zone No. 9 currently oversees six activated sites including Hawai'i's two refineries and its own general purpose zone at Pier 2; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Foreign-Trade Zone No. 9 was the first FTZ in the United States to receive the prestigious President's "E" Award for Excellence in Exporting and the first Trade Zone in the United States with a flour mill and petroleum refinery utilizing its program; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Foreign-Trade Zone No. 9 operated through a special fund with its operational costs paid through user charges and has not received any general fund appropriations since 1969. During that time, the Zone has paid approximately \$5 million into the State's general fund through excise tax and special fund assessments; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Foreign-Trade Zone No. 9 continues to maintain and expand its role as Hawai'i's "Hub of International Trade" with an office tenant and warehouse user mix of international businesses, customs brokers, shipping and logistics companies, maritime operations, the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Service, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, FTZ No. 9 served 411 companies employing 1,446 directly and 1,826 indirectly. During that same period, nearly \$8.5 billion worth of goods from 34 countries flowed through Hawai'i's FTZ sites;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 29, 2016 as

"THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE NO. 9"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the Foreign-Trade Zone No. 9 for its commitment to expand international trade between Hawai'i and the world as Hawai'i's "Hub of International Trade."

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this seventeenth of June 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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