

**Proclamation** in Recognition of

## Maui's Holoholo Bookmobile Day

WHEREAS, starting with a Ford Roadster in 1926, the Maui County Free Library used bookmobiles to bring books to small towns, rural areas and schools for patrons to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the Territory of Hawai'i supported a traveling public library branch for Maui since 1935; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Public Library System used six different makes and models of vehicles as bookmobiles that served thousands of keiki, families, kupuna, teachers, schools, correctional facilities, and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Wailuku Bookmobile was taken off the road in 2015 after 21 years of service; and

WHEREAS, the Maui Friends of the Library, a proud supporter of Maui County public libraries for 103 years, purchased a new \$300,000 state-of-the-art bookmobile for Wailuku Public Library which was funded entirely by thousands of used book sales at their three bookstores in Kahului, Lāhainā, and Pu'unēnē; and

WHEREAS, holoholo, which means "go for a ride" in Hawaiian, is a fitting name for the new Holoholo Bookmobile that will reach and serve many more residents, providing story hours, special programs, and mobile-friendly access to materials and services at places that are miles away from the nearest library; and

WHEREAS, the Hohoholo Bookmobile will include a driver and a librarian, funded by the State Legislature, who will familiarize and assist patrons with online resources, eBook downloads and website online learning; and

WHEREAS, the Holoholo Bookmobile will offer access to more than 3,000 books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, periodicals, free Wi-Fi, online databases, eBooks, eMagazines and more;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 10, 2016 as

## **"MAUI'S HOLOHOLO BOOKMOBILE DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of Maui to join us in celebrating the history and legacy of libraries and bookmobiles in Maui County and to support the Holoholo Bookmobile in its mission to nurture a lifelong love of reading and learning.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-ninth day of August 2016.

Governor, State of Hawai'i



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