



Proclamation

Presented to

Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i (COCH) is a statewide, non-profit organization with more than 1,600 member companies representing more than 225,000 employees, serving for over 165 years as the "Voice of Business" in Hawai'i to protect employers from increasing business costs, support progress of new industries and sectors, attract new businesses, promote competition and increase employment opportunities for the people of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, COCH serves as the advocate for both small and large businesses in Hawaii, working on behalf of members to advance the state's economic environment and help businesses thrive locally, nationally and globally; and

WHEREAS, COCH promotes public awareness and understanding of military issues and oversees the military's economic impact to the state's multi-billion dollar defense industry benefiting Hawai'i's small businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, COCH offers business networking, training and business building opportunities, and advocates on behalf of business interests to foster positive action on issues of common concern to the business community; and

WHEREAS, COCH offers a Young Professionals program to help shape future business leaders in Hawai'i and educate and advance their role in the business community; and

WHEREAS, COCH promotes Made in Hawai'i brands, supports the Buy Local movement, and showcases Hawai'i's manufacturing industry; and

WHEREAS, as trustee of the Public Health Fund, COCH provides grants to Hawai'i based community organizations that are implementing public health education and research projects to benefit the people of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, COCH members participate in community events and fundraisers, such as the annual Home for the Holiday event, to help the less fortunate and the homeless; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii will be hosting "Chamber Week" from January 17 to 20 with a series of events designed to encourage local businesses to become more involved in the legislative process and to give members the opportunity to hear from key legislators on matters facing our economic future;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 17-20, 2017 as

"CHAMBER WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i for its efforts in broadening economic opportunities for local businesses and promoting economic diversification in the islands.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this third day of January 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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