

## **Enrolled Agent Week**

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act of 1884 established character requirements and testing standards for agents who represented citizens for losses from the Civil War in their claims against the U.S. Treasury Department; and

**WHEREAS,** honesty, intelligence and ethical representation of the financial position of taxpayers is the principal focus of an enrolled agent; and

**WHEREAS,** enrolled agents are federally licensed tax practitioners who specialize in taxation and have unlimited rights to represent taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service; and

**WHEREAS,** enrolled agents come under the jurisdiction of the federal government, allowing them to practice anywhere in the United States; and

WHEREAS, with their training and expertise, enrolled agents are well equipped to effectively advise, represent, and prepare tax returns for individuals, partnerships, corporations, estates, trusts and other entities despite the continually changing tax laws; and

WHEREAS, enrolled agents assist taxpayers with issues from the annual filing of their tax returns to more complex issues of audit, liens, levy, appeals and collections; and

**WHEREAS**, enrolled agents are an important asset to Hawai'i taxpayers because they represent the taxpayer's needs and rights; and

**WHEREAS**, their knowledge, professionalism, experience and integrity make the enrolled agent an asset to both the state Department of Taxation and Hawai'i's taxpayers;

**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 February 5-11, 2017 as

## "ENROLLED AGENT WEEK"

in Hawai'i to recognize the Hawai'i Society of Enrolled Agents and its members for their role in the tax industry of Hawai'i.

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

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i