



Proclamation

In Recognition of

The Kohala Hospital Centennial Celebration

WHEREAS, North Kohala is the historic landmark and birth place of King Kamehameha the I, and remains today a close-knit community with thriving farm and ranch lands and deep roots in the state's sugar plantation days; and

WHEREAS, the opening of the 14-bed Kohala Hospital on April 1, 1917 provided much-needed critical services to the Kohala community, especially to the Kohala Sugar Company employees, at a time when the nearest medical facility was over 60 miles away in Kona; and

WHEREAS, the current Kohala Hospital facility opened in 1962 and consists of 22 long-term and 6 acute-care beds, with full-time emergency services; and

WHEREAS, designated a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) in 2001 by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Kohala Hospital provides access and treatment to residents in the rural North Kohala community;

WHEREAS, Kohala Hospital strives to provide a healing environment and quality health care services to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, after 100 years of service, Kohala Hospital remains a vibrant force contributing to a 21st century health system by embracing the future of healthcare delivery through its ongoing renovations and a state-of-the-art emergency department, which includes a triage area, centralized nursing station, and new exam rooms featuring the latest technology upgrades;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI**, Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 13, 2017 as

"KOHALA HOSPITAL DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask all the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating a century of medical care by Kohala Hospital.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of April 2017.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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