

Proclamation Presented to

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WHEREAS, the Hawaii Theatre, featuring an elegant neo-classical theme with stately Corinthian columns, a domed ceiling and Lionel Walden's mural, *Glorification of the Drama*, on the proscenium arch, first opened its doors on Wednesday, September 6, 1922; and

WHEREAS, a group of concerned citizens reestablished the theatre as a nonprofit organization, renamed it the Hawaii Theatre Center (HTC) and rescued it from demolition in 1984; and

WHEREAS, HTC was restored to its former glory with public and private funds and re-opened in 1996; and

WHEREAS, HTC was named Outstanding Historic Theatre in America 2005 by the League of Historic American Theatres and won the National Preservation Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2006; and

WHEREAS, HTC is listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places, recognized for its superb technical capacity and beautiful ambiance; and

WHEREAS, HTC is the second largest proscenium performance facility in the State and the only remaining theatre of its kind in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, HTC welcomes over 80,000 guests annually and hosts performances that include big band musicians, Hawaiian music, comedy, and documentaries; and

WHEREAS, HTC's Education Program promotes literacy and cognitive and creative development through performing arts for thousands of school children; and

WHEREAS, HTC's Arts for All program provides affordably priced productions for seniors and low-income households; and

WHEREAS, HTC continues its mission of "Preserving yesterday ... Performing today ... Preparing for tomorrow ..." by providing a broad range of entertainment, cultural, and educational experiences and opportunities;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 6, 2017 as

"95th ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAWAII THEATER"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the historic significance of Hawaii Theatre Center, the "Pride of the Pacific," and continue to support HTC's role in the redevelopment and enhancement of the overall quality of life in downtown Honolulu.

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

Governor, State of Hawai'i

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