

Proclamation
In Recognition of

**Hawai'i Children's Book
Authors and Illustrators Day**

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is proud to be home to numerous children's book authors and illustrators; and

WHEREAS, these authors and illustrators portray the rich and diverse cultures of Hawai'i and other locales in their books and works of art; and

WHEREAS, their published works help promote literacy and the love of reading for all ages with stories and topics our island children and youth can identify with; and

WHEREAS, many of these writers and artists visit schools and prisons and engage in community presentations which encourage and inspire others to share their own unique stories; and

WHEREAS, these local literary talents are a vital part of our community and their works are treasures to be enjoyed and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Public Library System and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators of Hawai'i have partnered to present the first Surf-a-Book Festival at the Hawai'i State Library to celebrate children's literature in Hawai'i; and


WHEREAS, the festival will include free presentations, activities, read alouds, book signings, a book exhibit and panel discussions;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2017 as

**HAWAI'I CHILDREN'S BOOK
AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS DAY"**

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join in the festivities to acknowledge and celebrate the significant contributions to children's literature by our local talents.

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



DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i



SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i