



Proclamation
In Recognition of
Australia Day

WHEREAS, January 26, 2018 is the anniversary of the First Fleet's arrival in Sydney Cove in 1788, and is recognized as Australia Day, the national day of Australia; and

WHEREAS, Australia is the largest country in Oceania and surrounded by the Indian and Pacific oceans and is a diverse, multicultural country and home to one of the world's largest and oldest indigenous cultures, including Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders who preceded European settlement by thousands of years; and,

WHEREAS, Australia has long been a friend, partner and ally of the United States of America and our soldiers, sailors and airmen have fought side by side for decades; and

WHEREAS, contemporary connections are forged with Hawai'i through business, sports, economics, tourism and military cooperation; and,

WHEREAS, our diverse societies and landscapes create opportunities for international student exchanges that will increase global awareness and strengthen ties between Australia and Hawai'i; and,

WHEREAS, the people of Australia and Hawai'i share similar qualities in their cultural make-up as a society of indigenous people, descendants of immigrants, residents, and new and returning visitors who enjoy the social, economic and cultural diversity; and,

WHEREAS, the people of Australia and Hawai'i share a vision of a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific region in the 21st century and commit to working toward that goal;

THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2018 as

“AUSTRALIA DAY”

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the State of Hawai'i to participate in the special events and activities planned in celebration of this day and to continue to strengthen the bonds of friendship between Australia and Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twelfth day of January 2018.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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