

**Proclamation** In Recognition of

## The 9th Annual Hawai'i Week for the Animals

WHEREAS, in partnership with Animal World USA, the 9th Annual Hawai'i Week for the Animals will inspire, educate and empower communities to understand, love and protect animals and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Week for the Animals brings together businesses, educators, students and caring citizens across the State to celebrate and help animals; and

**WHEREAS**, activities will educate the public on animal species, protecting our animal friends and ensuring pets receive adequate and proper care; and

**WHEREAS**, Week for the Animals will raise awareness of the importance of spaying and neutering pets, promote responsible pet ownership, and provide pet adoption opportunities; and

WHEREAS, events will include pet care education, library displays, volcano and nature walks, and therapy dog visitations at hospitals and senior homes; and

WHEREAS, this celebration salutes working K9s in the military and law enforcement, underscoring the intelligence, loyalty and value of animals in our lives and our communities; and

WHEREAS, this celebration includes activities on wildlife conservation to foster sustainability and to protect Hawai'i's unique animal species and habitats;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim February 10 - 18, 2018 as

## **"HAWAI'I WEEK FOR THE ANIMALS"**

in the Aloha State and ask the people to join us in celebrating the joy, service and love that animals bring to our lives, and to recognize that we are all connected, and the health of our planet depends on our commitment to protecting native wildlife and their habitats.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of February 2018.

Governor, State of Hawai'i