



**WHEREAS,** 1 out of 7 people in Hawai'i is of some Celtic descent – 5% is of Irish descent and 10% is of Scottish descent; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i's Celtic organizations include the Saint Andrew Society of Hawai'i, Friends of Saint Patrick, Caledonian Society of Hawai'i, Hawaiian Scottish Association, Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Irish Dance, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, and the Scottish American Military Society Post 808; and

**WHEREAS,** these organizations and societies advance the rich Celtic history and further Celtic culture through education and the arts in our islands; and

**WHEREAS**, our Celtic organizations continue to provide charitable contributions to Hawai'i's schools and assistance agencies, and award valuable scholarships to students; and

**WHEREAS**, Celtic Days in Hawai'i are scheduled from March 1 through April 30, 2018 to celebrate the rich heritage of our island's Celtic organizations through a variety of educational, athletic, culinary, and performance events; and

WHEREAS, Celtic Days in Hawai'i events include the Emerald Ball, Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Ulster Historical Foundation Genealogy Symposium, Hawaiian Scottish Festival and Highland Games, sunset Tribute to Princess Victoria Ka'iulani Kawekiu i Lunalilo Kalaninuiahilapalapa Cleghorn, National and State Tartan Day, raising of the Celtic Flags in front of the Hawai'i State Capitol Building on State Tartan Day, Grand Scotch Tour, Blue Shamrock Kilted Classic Golf Tournament, dances by the Hawai'i Irish Dance and the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society of Hawai'i, performances by the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawai'i, Ceilidhs, the Celtic Book Club, and kilt nights at various Irish pubs;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 1 to April 30, 2018 as

## "CELTIC DAYS IN HAWAI'I"

to celebrate the long and rich history of Hawai'i's Celtic community, recognize the many positive contributions they have made to enrich our islands, and to encourage residents and visitors to participate in these festive cultural events.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this 19th day of January 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i