Proclamation

In Recognition of

Hawaiʻi State Ethics Commission 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, in January 1968, Hawaiʻi became the first state in the nation to establish a state ethics commission; and

WHEREAS, this year the Hawaiʻi State Ethics Commission celebrates its 50th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Hawaiʻi's Constitution reflects our state's commitment to government ethics and to the belief "that public officers and employees must exhibit the highest standards of ethical conduct"; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution requires the adoption of a code of ethics for state officers and employees, and over the past fifty years, the Commission has provided ethics guidance to thousands of state officials and employees; and

WHEREAS, the State Ethics Commission is responsible for administering the ethics code to promote ethical conduct and public confidence in Hawaiʻi's state government; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has investigated and prosecuted violations of the ethics code and administered financial disclosure laws that enhance transparency and accountability in state government; and

WHEREAS, the Commission also established a statewide program to educate state officials and employees about the ethics law and advocated for the passage of laws to improve and strengthen Hawaiʻi's ethics code; and

WHEREAS, in its 50th anniversary year we recognize the many individuals who have supported the Commission and its work to promote ethics and integrity in Hawaiʻi State Government;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and **I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor** of the **State of Hawaiʻi,** do hereby recognize 2018 as

"HAWAIʻI STATE ETHICS COMMISSION 50th ANNIVERSARY"

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating and rededicating ourselves to maintaining the highest of standards and ethics within our society and our state government.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawaiʻi, this twenty-ninth day of March 2018.

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DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawaiʻi

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DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawaiʻi