Proclamation
In Recognition of

Immigration Heritage Month

WHEREAS, the unique social and cultural fabric of the United States of America is woven by generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have been industrious leaders and continue to strengthen our economy and create American jobs through innovation and growing businesses; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have secured their own rights and access to equal opportunity and campaigned to create a fairer and more just society for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i has a proud history as a place where immigrants of diverse backgrounds can achieve their dreams through hard work, to become teachers in the classrooms, scientists in the field, leaders in government, soldiers on the battlefront and much more; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is home to immigrants from China, Japan, Korea, Micronesia, Okinawa, the Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Samoa, Tonga, Vietnam and many, many more countries; and

WHEREAS, over 130 languages are spoken in Hawai'i and 17.9 percent of Hawai'i's population are foreign born; and

WHEREAS, immigration enhances Hawai'i's cultural diversity, adding to the variety of languages, customs, music and cuisines enjoyed in the islands; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is a place where we celebrate our rich diversity and roots as immigrants, as sons and daughters of immigrants, as grandchildren of immigrants and so forth;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and **I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim June 2018 as
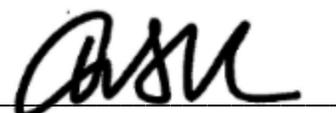
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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the value of diversity, honoring the achievements of immigrants, celebrating their contributions to our communities, and sharing their stories and heritage.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of June 2018.

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DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i