



# *Proclamation*

*In Recognition of*

## **2018 Samoan Flag Day Celebration**

**WHEREAS**, on April 17, 1900, the Deed of Cession of Tutuila to the United States was signed and the American flag was first raised over the Territory of American Samoa; and

**WHEREAS**, American Samoa is comprised of Tutuila, Manu'atele (Ta'ū, Ofu, Olosega and Muliāva islands), Aunu'u and the Swains Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, Samoan Flag Day is celebrated in Samoan communities across the United States on various dates to pay tribute to this historic event with cultural exchanges and preservation of Samoan traditions through song, dance, sports and education; and

**WHEREAS**, the 53<sup>rd</sup> Samoan Flag Day Celebration in the State of Hawai'i, the longest running Samoan event in our islands, also commemorates the 118<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of American Samoa as a U.S. territory; and

**WHEREAS**, the 53<sup>rd</sup> Samoan Flag Day Celebration in Hawai'i is sponsored by Moemoe ole Faiga Nu'u a Tamali'i ma Failauga O Samoa i Hawai'i Nei under High Chief Leota Tuia, who leads a council of Samoan chiefs; and

**WHEREAS**, the 53<sup>rd</sup> Samoan Flag Day Celebration further strengthens the ties between the people of Hawai'i and American Samoa; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i appreciates the positive and lasting contributions of the Samoan community, many of whom are public servants, entertainers, athletes, and professionals;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 13, 2018 as**

### **"SAMOAN FLAG DAY"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring the achievements and contributions of the Samoan community by recognizing the value of diversity and learning about the Samoan heritage and culture.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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