

Proclamation

WHEREAS, September 17, 2018 marks the 231st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary and to the patriotic celebrations that will commemorate this occasion; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a republic dedicated to rule by law; and

WHEREAS, this celebration of the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1955 when they petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually for the observance of Constitution Week; and

WHEREAS, Constitution Week promotes study and education on the Constitution and celebrates the freedoms it gives us; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Constitution Week recognizes the courage, conviction and sacrifice of those who have helped to shape and preserve the principles of democracy; and

WHEREAS, by joint resolution on February 29, 1952 (36 U.S.C. 106), Congress designated September 17 as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, and by joint resolution on August 2, 1956 (36 U.S.C. 108), requested that the President proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2018 as

"CONSTITUTION WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to reaffirm the ideals that the framers of the Constitution held by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through the United States Constitution.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-eighth day of August 2018.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i