

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the mission of the Hawai'i Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is to drive the economic sustainability of Hawai'i by helping businesses to start, grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, the Hawai'i SBDC has been working diligently with both startup and existing businesses statewide to enhance their growth; and

WHEREAS, 2018 was a record year for Hawai'i SBDC clients creating 386 jobs, access to capital of \$26,136,450 and new sales revenue of \$21,055,904; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i SBDC cooperates with federal, state, local and private organizations to leverage resources to achieve their shared economic development goals; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i SBDC provides professional business advice, research and training to business owners and entrepreneurs to promote growth and innovation and to improve productivity and management; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i SBDC makes a significant contribution to Hawai'i's innovation economy and is committed to the values of the Aloha Spirit; and

WHEREAS, SBDC Day unites the nearly 1,000 SBDC centers across the country and the hundreds of thousands of clients they serve by sharing the success stories and notable impacts SBDCs collectively have on the small business community at large;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2019 as

"SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the collaborative partnerships and key services SBDCs offer to help build and sustain Hawai'i's economy by addressing the unique needs of our island communities.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of February 2019.

IOSHUA BEGREEN

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i