

Proclamation

WHEREAS, hurricanes are among nature's most powerful and destructive phenomena; and

WHEREAS, the destructive winds, heavy rains, damaging surf, inland and coastal flooding, lightning and tornadoes that often accompany hurricanes can threaten lives and cause significant damage to homes, businesses and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, during the 2018 hurricane season, Hurricane Lane brought record-setting rainfall and caused over \$7 million in damage on Hawai'i Island, heavy rains and flooding on Maui, and wind damage and power outages across the state; and

WHEREAS, two weeks after Hurricane Lane passed through Hawai'i, Tropical Storm Olivia made double landfall in both Maui and Lāna'i, bringing heavy rain, flash floods, and wind damage to Maui County and O'ahu: and

WHEREAS, Hurricanes Hector, Norman and Walaka brought high surf, coastal flooding and beach closures to portions of the state despite their more distant tracks; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i is joining the efforts of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its partners to encourage residents to take action to safeguard their homes and their 'ohana before hurricane season begins; and

WHEREAS, recommended actions include learning about hurricane hazards and warnings, making an emergency plan, gathering two weeks of emergency supplies, such as non-perishable food and water, and taking measures to protect your home or apartment against the potential impact of high winds;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 5–11, 2019 as

"HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to understand that it only takes one storm to affect your life and your community, and to start making preparations now to protect and ensure the safety of your family and home before hurricane season falls upon us.

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

IOSHUA B. GREEN

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i