



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, one hundred years ago, a small group of pioneering women, committed to pursuing gender equality and lending their collective talents in service to their community, assembled in Buffalo, New York and founded the Confederation of Zonta Clubs; and

**WHEREAS**, their vision came to be known as Zonta International, which is a dedicated global organization of more than 29,000 members with a presence in 63 countries, working together to make gender equality a reality for women and girls worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, Zontians continue to be passionate about empowering women in developing countries through international service projects that work to expand women's access to education, health care, economic opportunities and safe living conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1923, Zonta International has contributed \$40.9 million to empower women and create positive change in the pursuit of gender equality and a world in which every woman is able to achieve her full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, through partnerships with the United Nations and other nongovernmental organizations, Zontians have supported projects in countries around the world to prevent and end violence against women and girls, produce safer homes and public spaces, enact laws that respect women's rights, and provide higher quality services for survivors of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, through advocacy efforts, education programs, service projects and campaigns, Zonta International continues to support their mission of empowering women and girls worldwide;

**WHEREAS**, November 8, 2019 marks Zonta International's centennial anniversary of service to communities worldwide;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2019 as**

## **"ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL DAY"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the perseverance, service and dedication of all Zontians, pursuing positive change by working toward a future in which gender equality is a reality for women and girls worldwide.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of September 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i