



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Public Radio provides an important service in creating a more informed public through credible, in-depth, unbiased, and thorough news reporting, music, entertainment, and cultural programming that enriches and fulfills listeners' lives; and

WHEREAS, John Henry Felix served as inaugural chair of Hawai'i Public Radio from its inception in 1979 through 1985 and provided critical leadership in the station's earliest days; and

WHEREAS, John Henry Felix's philanthropy extends beyond Hawai'i Public Radio, having served in various nonprofit organizations to help people in our community—Red Cross, March of Dimes, Consular Corps of Hawai'i, Young Presidents Organization, Civil Air Patrol, Junior Achievement and Academy of the Pacific, Salk Institute for Biological Studies, Abilities Unlimited, Boy Scouts of America-Aloha Council and more; and

WHEREAS, as a youth, Felix earned money as a shoeshine boy on Bethel Street in Honolulu, and through hard work and perseverance, became a successful businessman and generous philanthropist; and

WHEREAS, during his journey to becoming an Eagle Scout at the age of 14, Felix learned the value of service and making a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Felix donated more than 35 acres of land to help establish the Hawai'i State Veterans Cemetery in Kāne'ohe; and

WHEREAS, as a public servant, Felix has served as the chief of staff for William F. Quinn, Hawai'i's first State governor; as a Honolulu city councilman between 1987 and 2001 during which he introduced Hawai'i's first ban on smoking in public places; and today, as a board member for HART (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation); and

WHEREAS, Felix is the only American honored with the highest honors from both the American Red Cross and International Red Cross—the Harriman Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service and the Henry Dunant Medal for outstanding humanitarian service, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Public Radio has acquired a transmitter situated on Lāna'i, providing coverage to Lāna'i, Moloka'i, and West Maui, and assigned it the call letters KJHF in honor of John Henry Felix;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 14, 2019 as

“JOHN HENRY FELIX DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and celebrating the contributions of John Henry Felix to the people of Hawai'i.

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

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i