



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Henry 'Opukaha'ia, who was born around 1792 in Ka'u on Hawai'i Island, voyaged to America where he became a devout Christian and inspired the first mission to Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the first missionaries from Boston which included four Hawaiians—William Kanui, Thomas Hopu, John Honoli'i and George Kaumuali'i—arrived in Kailua-Kona in 1820 and was granted a plot of land by King Kamehameha II to build a church; and

WHEREAS, what began as a grass hut church in 1820 is now Moku'aikaua Church, the oldest Christian church in the Hawaiian Islands; and

WHEREAS, the State motto—Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina ika pono (the life of the land is perpetuated in Righteousness)—were words spoken by Queen Keōpuōlani as she was baptized a Christian in 1823; and

WHEREAS, Kawaiaha'o Church stands as the first Christian church built on O'ahu and is respected as a place of worship where the Hawaiian culture and language are perpetuated; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, one hundred seventy-five years after Henry 'Opukaha'ia's death in Connecticut, his remains were returned to Hawai'i Island and reinterred at Kahikolu Church in Napo'opo'o, Kona; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Association of Evangelicals sets aside activities and events for ministries and churches to celebrate the 27th annual Christian Heritage Week in Hawai'i;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 16–22, 2020 as

“CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to recognize its observance and celebrate the history and heritage of Christianity in the islands.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of February 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Green".

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Y. Ige".

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i