

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 form, grow and thrive; and

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

WHEREAS, 2019 was a record year for Hawai'i SBDC clients, creating 299 jobs, access to capital of \$32,090,728, and new sales revenue of \$22,623,859; and

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

WHEREAS, SBDC Day is a national, collective proclamation of the success and impact America's Small Business Development Centers have across the nation in economic development and the small business community; 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 18, 2020 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 Hawai'i SBDC offers to help build and sustain Hawai'i's growing innovation economy by addressing the unique needs of our island communities.

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

JOSHUA B. GREEN Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawaiʻi

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