



Proclamation

WHEREAS, one-third of food in the United States, roughly 133 billion pounds worth over \$160 billion, is wasted every year; and

WHEREAS, land, water, labor and energy resources are used in producing, processing, transporting, preparing and storing food and with disposing discarded food; and

WHEREAS, food waste can be avoided by improving product development, storage, shopping/ordering, marketing, labeling and cooking methods; and

WHEREAS, contrary to food waste, food rescue is good for the economy, environment and the people; and

WHEREAS, excess food can be rescued from wholesale distributors, grocery stores, restaurants and farms to serve Hawai'i's hungry; and

WHEREAS, excess food can be donated to hunger relief organizations, and inedible food can be recycled for animal feed compost and bioenergy; and

WHEREAS, food rescue organizations in Hawai'i, such as Aloha Harvest that has rescued over 23 million pounds of food for the last twenty years, help to feed the homeless, unemployed, veterans, disabled and kūpuna populations in the islands; and

WHEREAS, food rescue will help build a less wasteful, more sustainable, and more equitable food system for everyone;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim April 18, 2020 as

“FOOD RESCUE AWARENESS DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of the need for food rescue and recognizing the many organizations and individuals who help feed the hungry, make a difference in our community, and work toward a healthier and sustainable Hawai'i.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i