

Proclamation

WHEREAS, parliamentary law, made a part of the United States Constitution in 1789, refers to the set of customs, ethics and rules that govern the conduct of legislatures and other deliberative bodies; and

WHEREAS, the five principles of parliamentary law are orderly procedure, equality of all members, justice for all, right of the minority to be heard on questions, and majority rule; and

WHEREAS, the "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition," a standard for the correct practice of parliamentary law, is used by different types of organizations such as civil boards, churches, clubs, condo and community associations; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians (HSAP) was established in 1953 by citizens of the State of Hawai'i who were dedicated to observing the rights of members of various organizations; and


WHEREAS, the HSAP assisted in the publication of "Nā Lula Hālāwai—A Parliamentary Guide to Conducting Meetings in Hawaiian" by William J. Puette and Keaoopuaokalani NeSmith; and

WHEREAS, the HSAP continuously serves the community by providing its collective expertise and publications on parliamentary law to individuals and organizations, and sponsors educational courses, workshops and seminars for the public;

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

“PARLIAMENTARY LAW MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the national importance of parliamentary law and building awareness of the need for parliamentary procedure and the services of parliamentarians.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i