

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in the history of the University of Hawai'i men's volleyball athletic program, the Rainbow Warriors won their very first men's volleyball NCAA championship at the Covelli Center in Columbus, Ohio on May 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Warriors brought home the university's first NCAA team title since 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Warriors won the 2021 NCAA men's volleyball championship with a 25-21, 25-19, 25-16 sweep over the Brigham Young University Cougars, finishing the season at 17-1; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 UH men's volleyball team players are Kāna'i Akana #25, Austin Buchanan #12, Spyros Chakas #23, 'Eleu Choy #5, Colton Cowell #24 (Team Captain), Chaz Galloway #1, Patrick Gasman #15, Cole Hogland #7, Filip Humler #16, Devon Johnson #9, Mākua Marumoto #8, Dimitrios Mouchlias #11, Rado Parapunov #19, Max Rosenfeld #13, Logan Sharp #3, Brett Sheward #4, Jakob Thelle #10, Alaka'i Todd #14, Jackson Van Eekeren #20, Guilherme Voss #21, Jack Walmer #2, and Gage Worsley #6; and

WHEREAS, Rado Parapunov was named the 2021 NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player, and Patrick Gasman and Jakob Thelle made the all-tournament team; and

WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i men's volleyball team victory was due to the hard work of all the players, Head Coach Charlie Wade, Associate Coach Milan Zarkovic, Assistant Coach Joshua Walker, Volunteer Coach Chad Giesseman, Strength Coach Josh Elms, Athletic Trainer Renae Shigemura, and Manager James Anastassiades; and

WHEREAS, UH alumni, 'ohana and fans of the Rainbow Warriors from across the Hawaiian Islands have much to be proud of;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim May 12, 2021 as

"RAINBOW WARRIORS DAY"

in honor of the University of Hawai'i men's volleyball team and ask the citizens of the Aloha State to join me in congratulating them on a historic victory and commending the players, coaches, athletic trainer and manager for their dedication, perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Done at Washington Place, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twelfth day of May 2021.

Governor, State of Hawai'i