



Proclamation

WHEREAS, "Duke" Paoa Kahanamoku was born on August 24, 1890 at Hale' Akala to Makua kane Duke Halapu Kahanamoku and Makua wahine Julia Pahakonia Lonokahikina Paoa Kahanamoku, descendants of minor noble Hawaiian families; and

WHEREAS, Duke was a competition swimmer who popularized the ancient Hawaiian sport of surfing; and

WHEREAS, with his trademark koa wood surfboard, he surfed one of the longest recorded waves in modern times, from Diamond Head Crater to Honolulu Harbor; and

WHEREAS, he was the first person to be inducted into both the Swimming and Surfing Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, he participated in the 1912 Summer Olympics in Stockholm as part of the swimming team, winning a gold and silver medal, in the 1920 Olympics in Antwerp, winning two gold medals, and in the 1924 Olympics in Paris, winning a silver medal; and

WHEREAS, he was posthumously inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 1984; and

WHEREAS, the Duke's creed states: 'In Hawai'i, we greet friends, loved ones, or strangers with Aloha, which means with love. Aloha is the keyword to the universal spirit of real hospitality, which makes Hawai'i renowned as the world's center of understanding and fellowship. Try meeting or leaving people with Aloha. You'll be surprised by their reaction. I believe it and it is my creed. Aloha to you!'; and

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim August 24, 2021 as

"DUKE KAHANAMOKU DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in honoring his legacy by celebrating this day together.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fourth day of August, 2021.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i