



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i (COCH) is a statewide, non-profit organization with more than 2,000 companies representing more than 200,000 employees, serving for 171 years as the "Voice of Business" in Hawai'i to protect employers from increasing business costs, support progress of new industries and sectors, attract new businesses, promote competition and increase employment opportunities for the people of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, COCH serves as the advocate for business of all sizes in Hawai'i, working on behalf of members to advance the state's economic environment and help businesses thrive locally, nationally and globally; and

**WHEREAS**, COCH offers business networking, training and business building opportunities, and advocates on behalf of business interests to foster positive action on issues of common concern to the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, COCH offers a Young Professionals program to help shape future business leaders in Hawai'i and educate and advance their role in the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, COCH promotes Made in Hawai'i brands, supports the Buy Local movement, and as the exclusive state representative for the National Manufacturers Association, showcases Hawai'i's manufacturing industry; and

**WHEREAS**, COCH, as trustee of the Public Health Fund, provides grants to O'ahu-based community organizations that are implementing public health education and research projects to benefit the people of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, COCH members participate in community events and fundraisers to help the less fortunate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i will be hosting "Chamber Week" from January 18-21, 2022 with a series of events designed to encourage local businesses to become more involved in the legislative process and to give members the opportunity to hear from key legislators on matters facing our economic future;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim January 18-21, 2022 as

## **"CHAMBER WEEK"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i for its efforts in broadening economic opportunities for local businesses and promoting economic diversification in the islands.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of January 2022.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i