



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Chinatown District in Honolulu, while having great historical and cultural significance to Hawai'i today, has no Archway to honor key individuals and to welcome all who come to Chinatown; and

WHEREAS, local businessman and entrepreneur Eddie Flores has brought together key representatives from the local Chinese community to fund and construct such an arch, to be called the "Honolulu Chinatown Kekaulike Archway;" and

WHEREAS, the Chinatown Kekaulike Archway will feature the names of 14 prominent members of the local Chinese American community, three of whom are still with us today. The honorees include: C.K. Ai, businessman and philanthropist; Sau Ung Loo Chan, attorney and community activist; Clarence T.C. Ching, businessman and philanthropist; Chun Quon, businessman and community activist; Hiram Fong, businessman and U.S. Senator; Chinn Ho, entrepreneur and real estate developer; Constance Lau, businesswoman and banker; Tai Heong Kong Li, physician and community activist; K.J. Luke, businessman and philanthropist; Lum Yip Kee, businessman and real estate developer; Joanna Sullivan, businesswoman and philanthropist; Lawrence Tseu, dentist and philanthropist; C.T. Wong, businessman and banker and, Joseph W.C. Young, dentist and community activist; and

WHEREAS, once completed the Honolulu Chinatown Kekaulike Archway will serve as a beacon to welcome all and to ensure that people understand the cultural relevance of Chinatown and how the 14 honorees and many others like them have contributed to economic growth and success of our community and to the fabric of our society in a significant way; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Chinatown Kekaulike Archway will be a significant reminder of how the original Chinese immigrants came to Hawai'i to work in the local agricultural industry without much but the clothes on their back and the promise of a better life. Over time, they worked hard, earned college degrees, and went on to occupy prominent positions in local business, politics, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Central Pacific Bank Foundation, L&L Hawaiian Barbecue, and A Better Chinatown Association have brought together people from all races who believe in the Honolulu Chinatown Kekaulike Archway Project to unveil an exhibit that provides an overview of the mission, purpose and just how the Archway will accomplish its objectives;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2022 as

"HONOLULU CHINATOWN KEKAULIKE ARCHWAY DAY"

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the significant achievements and hard work of our Chinese community, which has benefited many who call this special place their home.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of February 2022.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i