



In Recognition of the 175th Anniversary of the Historic Washington Place

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 175th Anniversary of Washington Place; and

WHEREAS, in 1842, Captain John Dominis and Mary Jones Dominis began construction of a mansion which was completed in 1847; and

WHEREAS, by royal decree, King Kamehameha III commanded that the name "Washington Place" be retained "in all time coming," in honor of and on the day of the first U.S. President's birthday; and

WHEREAS, Washington Place is best known as the home of Hawai'i's beloved Queen Lili'uokalani, who remained at the residence for 55 years; and

WHEREAS, Queen Lili'uokalani would use Washington Place as home base as she composed music, cultivated gardens, supported Hawaiian causes, and fought for her people's well-being until her passing in the home in 1917; and

WHEREAS, Washington Place served as the official residence of Hawai'i's territorial and state governors until 2002 when it became a historic home; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Washington Place was named a National Historic Landmark, a designation determined by the U.S. secretary of the interior and shared only by approximately 2,500 other historic sites in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Washington Place's mission is to strive to mālama its historical site and grounds, collections and cultural heritage by researching, interpreting, and sharing its mo'olelo (stories) with the people of, and visitors to, Hawai'i for the purpose of fostering meaningful connections and experiences; and

WHEREAS, Washington Place's vision is to connect, engage, and inspire individuals to learn about Hawaiian history by providing access to its historical site and grounds, collection and its resources through exhibits, educational programs, and events; and

WHEREAS, the 175th anniversary of Washington Place will be commemorated in spring 2022; and

WHEREAS, the coordination and planning for the 175th commemoration celebration will be conducted by a committee representing various community members and chaired by First Lady Dawn Amano-Ige;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim official recognition of the:

"175TH ANNIVERSARY OF WASHINGTON PLACE"

in honor of the significance of this historic home to the people of Hawai'i, its dedicated caretakers, and the memories of all who called Washington Place their home.

Done at Washington Place, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirty-first day of March 2022.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i