



Proclamation

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1999, Aloha Harvest has become the largest food rescue and redistribution organization in our islands and has contributed significantly in fighting against hunger on O'ahu for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Aloha Harvest collects excess food from donors such as wholesale distributors, grocery stores, restaurants, and hotels, and redistributes the food to recipient agencies free of charge and without liability; and

WHEREAS, the non-profit organization does not store the excess food but gathers perishable and nonperishable surplus food and delivers it on the same day for recipient agencies to immediately provide to their clients; and

WHEREAS, Aloha Harvest works with organizations and community partners to collaborate on solutions for food insecurity and to promote sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Aloha Harvest rescued an average of 2.2 million pounds of food each year for the past four years, and in 2020, the organization engaged 360 food donors and 273 recipient agencies in providing more than 2.7 million pounds of food to people in need; and

WHEREAS, from January through March of this year, Aloha Harvest distributed 685,715 pounds of food, and in May 2022 recovered a grand total of 30 million pounds of food to residents since its founding;

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

“ALOHA HARVEST MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing Aloha Harvest, its staff and volunteers, and its partners for working tirelessly to save quality excess food from being wasted, and for redistributing the food to help strengthen and nourish the people of Hawai'i who are faced with food insecurities.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i