

Proclamation

WHEREAS, as a graduate of Damien Memorial High School, then earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Chaminade University of Honolulu, and a Master of Divinity degree from St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Franklin Wilcox Napuakekaulike De Lima (a.k.a., Mistah Frank De Lima) delighted scores of people with his unmatched wit, outlandish parodies, and spontaneous creativity; and

WHEREAS, born of Portuguese, Spanish, Irish, Scottish, English, Chinese, and Hawaiian descent, Frank De Lima has headlined nightclubs, performed at sold-out concerts and events throughout Hawai'i and the West Coast, personifying Hawai'i's diverse ethnicities and cultures; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Frank De Lima founded the Student Enrichment Program, a non-profit organization devoted to helping Hawai'i's students understand the importance of reading, studying, laughing, and family, and managing major emotional and physical life transitions; and

WHEREAS, since the program's inception, Frank De Lima has been travelling biennially statewide to various inter-island schools to perform motivational speeches; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his commitment to Hawai'i's keiki, Frank De Lima has received numerous honors, including former Governor Benjamin Cayetano's Kilohana Award for Volunteer of the Year and the Ellison S. Onizuka Memorial Award from the National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, for more than four decades, Frank De Lima has been an ambassador of goodwill with his humility and gentle humor;

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

"Frank De Lima Day"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in paying tribute to the man whose creative talents and brilliant sense of humor continues to bring joy and laughter to our lives and helps us celebrate our ethnic differences, while helping to build a stronger community.

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

Governor, State of Hawai'i