Proclamation

WHEREAS, Patsy Takemoto Mink was elected in 1964 to the U.S. House of Representatives and was the first Asian-American to serve in Congress; and

WHEREAS, as a congresswoman, Patsy Mink fought for gender and racial equality, affordable childcare, bilingual education, and became a supporter of Title IX; and

WHEREAS, Title IX was a federal civil rights law that was passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972 and stated that, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance;" and

WHEREAS, Title IX also transformed America's schools and universities by prohibiting educational institutions from receiving federal funds if they discriminated on the basis of gender in admissions, recruitment, financial aid, housing, and athletics; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Mink continued advocating for women and helped pass the Women's Educational Equity Act in 1974, which provided funding to prevent discrimination in education programs; and

WHEREAS, to honor Patsy Mink's profound and successful efforts, Congress renamed Title IX as the "Patsy Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act;" and

WHEREAS, in 2014, President Barack Obama posthumously awarded Mink—his former congresswoman—the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Mink was a distinguished, determined and tenacious advocate for great causes, and worked to pave the way for the women of Hawai'i and across the nation;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim June 23, 2022 as

"50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the Honorable Congresswoman Patsy Mink and her fight to achieve educational and athletic opportunities for women.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i