

Proclamation

WHEREAS, State Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, a graduate of Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University at San Marcos) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, found a passion for government as an undergraduate student after advocating to lower the voting age to 18; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baker has served the Maui community for 30 years, working on many projects to benefit the community such as affordable housing in West Maui; improving the Lahaina Bypass; and funding to build a new high school in Kihei; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baker showed her commitment to the State of Hawai'i as a whole through her leadership roles as House Majority Leader, Senate Majority Leader, Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and as Co-convenor of the Women's Legislative Caucus; and

WHEREAS, she is committed to issues that affect women and girls through her leadership in the Women's Legislative Caucus and has introduced countless measures for the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baker is an advocate for improving access to quality healthcare, such as giving recognition for the full scope of practice of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to help alleviate the State's provider shortage, increasing access to telehealth, and allowing pharmacists to administer the HPV, Tdap, meningococcal, or influenza vaccine to children between 11 to 17 years of age to reduce infectious disease and cervical cancer rates; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baker sponsored legislation that will ensure a better future for the people of Hawai'i; such as raising the legal smoking age to 21 and targeting flavored tobacco products marketed to children; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baker championed the creation of the Kupuna Caregivers program to support working caregivers in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baker fought tirelessly to regulate predatory payday lending to protect the most vulnerable consumers in the state of Hawai'i;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 6, 2022 as

"SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the many years of hard work and dedication of this true public servant and leader.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i