



Proclamation

WHEREAS, rising temperatures due to global warming have resulted in the threat to wildlife, frequent and stronger hurricanes, droughts and accompanying wildfires, loss of beach and recreational areas with rising tides, heat waves, coral reef bleaching, and heavier rain events and flooding throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, human activities contribute to global warming by releasing large quantities of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, most of the carbon dioxide that people put into the atmosphere comes from burning fossil fuels such as oil, coal, and natural gas, and cars, trucks, trains, and planes all burn fossil fuels, as well as many electric power plants; and

WHEREAS, the transportation sector is one of the largest contributors to anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the *Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks 1990–2020*, the national inventory that the U.S. prepares annually under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, within the transportation sector, light-duty vehicles (including passenger cars and light-duty trucks) were by far the largest category, with 57 percent of GHG emissions, while medium-and heavy-duty trucks made up the second largest category, with 26 percent of emissions; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's clean energy goal is to reduce emissions that cause climate change and build energy efficiencies across all sectors, including decarbonizing the transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, switching from fossil-fueled vehicles to electric vehicles is imperative to achieve significant reductions in GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS, September 23–October 2, 2022 has been designated as National Drive Electric Week and is a nationwide celebration to raise awareness of the many benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim September 23–October 2, 2022 as

“DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of the availability and benefits of plug-in vehicles and supporting Hawai'i's clean energy initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

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


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i