

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives, democratically owned and operated and founded by people working together toward economic advancement; and

**WHEREAS**, credit unions embrace a "people-helping-people" philosophy through the pooling of personal resources and leadership abilities for the good of the cooperative, empowering members to improve their financial futures and uniting to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, credit unions have demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout the communities in which they have served since they were founded more than 150 years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for this 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ICU Day, "Empower Your Financial Future with a Credit Union," looks toward empowering members and the community to build a better financial future with credit unions; and

**WHEREAS**, credit unions have championed the idea that people from all walks of life should have access to affordable financial services offered by credit unions; and

**WHEREAS**, credit unions provide an effective and viable alternative to for-profit financial institutions for millions of members in 118 countries worldwide, providing a vast array of financial services for their members, including nearly 830,000 members in Hawai'i, associated through local, state, regional and international organizations sharing the same commitment to serving credit union members;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2022 as

## "INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the many contributions credit unions have made to the communities in Hawai'i through the years and honor and express appreciation for the service and commitment of credit unions.

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

Governor, State of Hawai'i