



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Little League Baseball, founded in 1939 by Carl Stotz of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is the cornerstone of youth baseball and symbolizes the very best in youth sports and is played by nearly 3 million boys and girls in all 50 states and over 80 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, at its core, the purpose of Little League is to provide a safe, fun, wholesome combination of recreation and competition to boys and girls ages 5–18 through regular season play among local teams; and

**WHEREAS**, the Little League World Series was first held in 1947 and is the most prestigious youth tournament, comprising 16 competing teams from around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, Honolulu Little League defeated South Korea, 3–0, winning the Little League World Series for the Majors Division; in 2021, the Honolulu Little League finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Little League World Series; they won the Hawai'i State Championship in 2014, as well as in 1997 (as Kamuki Little League); and

**WHEREAS**, proudly representing the United States, the Honolulu Little League was crowned the champions in the 2022 Little League World Series tournament after its 13–3 win against the international winning team, Curacao; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Honolulu Little League is comprised of team members Kobe Hino, Luke Hiromoto, Ruston Hiyoto, Mikah Noda, Kaeo Nouchi, Daly Watson, Jaron Lancaster, Kama Angell, Kekoa Payanal, Cohen Sakamoto, Jonnovyn Sniffen, Taulii Purcell, Brennan Tomas, Esaiiah Wong, Gerald Oda (manager), Willis Kato (coach), Keith Oda (coach), and Gavin Okada (coach).

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2022 as

## **“HONOLULU LITTLE LEAGUE DAY”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the hard work and sacrifices made by each of the team members and their families and congratulate them on their championship win.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i