



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Hawai'i Public Radio Week

WHEREAS, for 35 years Hawai'i Public Radio (HPR) has served its community of listeners in Hawai'i and throughout the world with the highest standards of independent broadcast journalism, music and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, HPR is the sole carrier in Hawai'i of programs from National Public Radio, American Public Media, Public Radio International, the BBC, Deutsche Welle, and other radio content providers, and is also producer of nearly a quarter of its programming from its own studios in Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, HPR listenership has grown to 199,000 per week, with the financial contributions of its members and underwriters accounting for 94 percent of its revenue; and

WHEREAS, community support has made possible the station's growth from a single facility in Honolulu to 15 sites across the Hawaiian Islands broadcasting as of February 14, 2017 on two programming streams, both news and classical music every hour of the day; and

WHEREAS, HPR has been recognized for its local news coverage with three national Edward R. Murrow Awards, seven regional Edward R. Murrow Awards, a Clarion Award, and multiple awards from the Associated Press, the Hawai'i Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, among others; and

WHEREAS, selected as one of the Best Places to Work in Hawai'i in 2015, HPR also has won top honors for its fiscal responsibility and outstanding fundraising efforts, including five consecutive years of a four-star designation by Charity Navigator, the nation's largest independent charity evaluator, the 2015 Cades Schutte-Cades Foundation Nonprofit Leadership Award and a Benchmarks Award in 2011 from DEI, now known as Greater Public; and

WHEREAS, HPR has made a special place on its air and in its studios for Hawai'i artists and non-profits to share their work, and has dedicated its talents and technology to bridge the geographical and cultural divides within our own island archipelago to bring stories of Hawai'i and the Pacific to national and international publics;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of February 14 - 21, 2017 as

"HAWAI'I PUBLIC RADIO WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in tuning in to the two locally grown HPR stations and listening to the dedicated professionals who work toward engaging and informing the public about current affairs, music and entertainment.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this eighth day of February 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i