



Proclamation

WHEREAS, ocean lifeguards are responsible for protecting the lives of more than one million Hawai'i residents and millions of visitors who visit and vacation in the Aloha State annually; and

WHEREAS, lifeguards protect beachgoers who surf, swim, bodysurf, snorkel, stand-up paddle board, fish, kayak, jet ski, and participate in other activities off the shores of our islands; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's lifeguards are the primary responders for ocean emergencies and are trained to provide first aid, assess and navigate hazardous ocean conditions, communicate with beachgoers, and act as calm and assertive leaders in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, since the first hotels were built on the shores of Waikīkī, lifeguards and experienced watermen and women have kept beachgoing visitors and tourists safe while sharing with them an appreciation for water activities; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our beachgoers has a direct impact on the tourism industry, our local economy, and the overall well-being of our state; and

WHEREAS, local keiki from every island have the opportunity to participate in the state's summer Junior Lifeguard Program where they learn about ocean currents, perform mock rescues, and gain a greater knowledge of and appreciation for local beaches;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim August 21–27, 2022 as

“HAWAI'I LIFEGUARD APPRECIATION WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the important work of lifeguards from Maui, Hawai'i, Kaua'i, and Honolulu counties who put their safety on the line to protect others every day.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i