



*Special Message from Governor David Y. Ige
In Recognition of*

The 38th Annual Pan-Pacific Festival

June 9 - 11, 2017



On behalf of the people of Hawai'i, I extend a heartfelt *aloha* to the participants, sponsors, and attendees of the **38th Annual Pan-Pacific Festival**.

The **Pan-Pacific Festival** celebrates our multi-cultural heritage and long-standing relationships between Hawai'i and Japan as well as our other Pacific Rim neighbors. Thousands of residents and visitors will come together to share their rich customs and traditions, including demonstrations, dance, music, arts and crafts, and food.

Each year, the **Pan-Pacific Festival** is launched together with the Pan-Pacific *Ho'olaule'a*, one of the largest and most festive block parties of its kind, followed by a Performing Arts Showcase at Waikiki Beach Walk and Ala Moana Center, Street Dance Festival, and Hula Festival. It closes with the vibrant Pan-Pacific Parade along beautiful Waikiki Beach.

Celebrations such as the **Pan-Pacific Festival** promote cultural awareness, respect, goodwill, and harmony. This legacy event creates bonds of *aloha* and friendship for all people, and promotes tolerance and kindness. It brings us closer together and demonstrates our appreciation for the traditions, values, and history of our ancestors, and the contributions they have made to build a better future for the next generation.

Mahalo to everyone who contributed to the success of the **Pan-Pacific Festival**. I hope you all enjoy this wonderful event!

With warmest regards,

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i