



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Hawai'i hosted the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), World Conservation Congress in 2016, where Hawai'i was recognized around the world for its leadership in conservation; and

WHEREAS, since the 2016 World Conservation Congress, the global climate crisis has worsened, with the United Nations issuing a "code red" for humanity if stronger action is not taken; and

WHEREAS, for the World Conservation Congress held in September 2021 in Marseille, France, the Hawai'i Conservation Alliance Foundation and Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo, among others, submitted Motion 003 calling for the creation of a new IUCN Climate Crisis Commission to mobilize and coordinate the IUCN and broader civil society to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i residents formed the group "Our Drowning Voices" to serve as the vanguard to give voice for climate justice in the name of younger and future generations, indigenous people, Island Nations, and willing nations and partners; and

WHEREAS, Our Drowning Voices, through their passionate and persistent advocacy, enlisted hundreds of IUCN voting members around the world in support of Motion 003; and

WHEREAS, the IUCN voted to create the Climate Change Commission with 76% of the vote from governments and 68% of the vote from non-governmental organizations;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2021 as

"OUR DROWNING VOICES DAY"

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the leadership of our residents, especially our youth, in translating commitment into action and changing the trajectory of Hawai'i and Island Earth so that our children and future generations can continue to call it home.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of November 2021.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i