## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATE OF HAWAI'I

## **PROCLAMATION**

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, in order to provide relief for disaster damages, losses, and suffering, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, hereby determine, designate and proclaim as follows:

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has determined and is monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus that was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China and has become commonly identified as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has rapidly expanded and is reportedly spreading from person-to-person; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency for the United States; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has rapidly spread around the globe and has been found in 78 countries; and

WHEREAS, the United States has at least 108 confirmed and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to evolve and spread around the globe and is now spreading in the community, not just from travelers to China; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is highly contagious; and

WHEREAS, as of March 4, 2020, the World Health Organization reported 93,090 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide; and