Proclamation

In Recognition of

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month reminds the public of the estimated 22,184 people in Hawai'i with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month reminds us that individuals with and without developmental disabilities share common ground and have the right to work, play, learn, and grow together as people who are friends, neighbors, classmates, co-workers and teammates; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month highlights that every person, regardless of their abilities, skills, and talents, has valuable strengths, infinite capacity to learn, and can contribute to their neighborhood and communities; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month celebrates the abilities of people with developmental disabilities through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contributions to enrich the communities of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month encourages all citizens to recognize the efforts to achieve a culture of full and meaningful inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life, and to set forth its commitment to identify barriers and develop solutions so all of Hawai'i's people lead productive and fulfilling lives;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim March, 2015 as

"DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to take time to recognize the abilities and contributions of people with developmental disabilities and *"Don't DIS an ABILITY, Look at what we can do!"*.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-sixth day of February 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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