



Proclamation

Presented to

The Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a private, not-for-profit organization formed in 1980; is a statewide partnership of domestic violence programs and shelters; and has engaged communities and organizations to end domestic violence through education, advocacy, and action for social justice; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence reminds us that domestic violence is defined as the systemic use of coercion and domination to gain and maintain power and control over an intimate partner through the use of verbal, physical, sexual, and psychological violence; and that societal abuse of power and domination in the forms of sexism, racism, heterosexism, classism, anti-Semitism, ageism, and other oppressions foster battering by perpetuating conditions which condone violence against women and children; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence recognizes domestic violence is widespread, including one in three Americans who have witnessed an incident of domestic violence and that one in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence recognizes that everyone has the right to live without harm or without the fear of harm; and that violence within the home and within relationships breaks the core of the human spirit and jeopardizes the spirit of *aloha* that exists in our community;

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

“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence for their continued dedicated efforts to prevent domestic violence and to serve those suffering in abusive relationships.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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