

*Proclamation*  
*Presented to*  
**Hawai'i Poison Center**

**WHEREAS**, established by the U.S. Congress in 1961, National Poison Prevention Week is commissioned by the National Poison Prevention Week Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the third full week of March has been designated National Poison Prevention Week, focusing national attention on the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them; and

**WHEREAS**, during this week, we come together as a community to educate ourselves on poison prevention, and pledge our commitment to ensuring the safety of our families, communities, and each other; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, almost 10,000 possible poisonings in the state of Hawai'i are reported to the Hawai'i Poison Center; and one call every 13 seconds is handled across the United States with a total of more than 4 million calls yearly; and

**WHEREAS**, a few ways to prevent a poisoning from happening include placing household chemicals out of the reach of children, storing items in their original containers to avoid confusion, and reading product labels, including the recommended dosages on all products; and


**WHEREAS**, to prevent these poisonings from happening, parents, teachers, nurses, and everyone in the community should take measures to ensure that unintentional poisonings do not occur and take precautions to understand medication safety;

**THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby recognize March 20, 2016 through March 26, 2016, as**

**“POISON PREVENTION WEEK IN HAWAI'I”**

and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to learn more about precautions they can take to reduce the number of accidental poisonings in Hawai'i.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this first day of March 2016.

  
DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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