



Proclamation

Presented to

Prevent Suicide Hawai'i Task Force

WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Hawai'i Task Force is a coalition of individuals, organizations, and community groups working in collaboration to develop strategies, coordinate activities, and monitor the progress of suicide prevention efforts in the state of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Hawai'i Task Force collaborates with the Department of Health (DOH), Injury Prevention and Control Section (IPCS), in planning and implementing these activities; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 to 24; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i ranks 31st nationally in rate of suicide deaths and suicide is the single leading cause of injury deaths in Hawai'i from 2010 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, one person commits suicide every 15.2 minutes in the United States and one in every two days in Hawai'i, and

WHEREAS, in the State of Hawai'i there were 1,030 suicide deaths from 2010 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

WHEREAS, statewide suicide prevention efforts should continue to be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 11 - 17, 2016 as

“SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK”

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness on suicide prevention. Together we can reduce the number of lives shaken by a needless and tragic death.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this ninth day of September 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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