



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Emergency Preparedness Month

WHEREAS, the 'Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that leads Leeward O'ahu in joining the nationwide effort to raise public awareness about the importance of preparing for all types of disasters; and

WHEREAS, the 'Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee ('Ewa EPC) encourages citizens to prepare emergency plans of actions for their homes, businesses, schools, neighborhoods, and communities for natural disasters or emergencies; and

WHEREAS, our State is vulnerable to natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and tsunamis, and our residents remain largely unprepared for such disasters and other life-threatening emergencies; and

WHEREAS, volunteers from the 'Ewa EPC educate individuals and families to prepare for emergencies and disasters ahead of time by putting together an emergency preparedness kit, making a plan, and staying informed to better respond to, recover from, and lessen the physical, emotional, and financial impacts of a disaster or other emergency; and

WHEREAS, the 'Ewa EPC joins other community emergency preparedness groups, the Hawai'i State Civil Defense, Honolulu Department of Emergency Management, and the Hawai'i Red Cross in building public confidence and helping individuals and families find peace of mind in times of natural disasters;

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

"EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in commending all community groups such as the 'Ewa EPC as well as government and non-profit agencies that educate our 'ohana on being ready.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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