



Proclamation
In Recognition of

National Adoption Day

WHEREAS, National Adoption Day is a collective nationwide effort to raise awareness of the approximately 108,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families to finalize adoptions; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i recognizes the importance of giving our more than 1,300 keiki in foster care permanent, safe and loving families; and

WHEREAS, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, courts throughout the country will open their doors on National Adoption Day, Saturday, November 19, 2016 to finalize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and

WHEREAS, this effort will offer children the chance to live with stable and devoted families where they can thrive by enjoying safety, comfort and the support to lead fulfilling, productive and rewarding lives and have the chance to pursue their dreams; and

WHEREAS, every successful adoption is a life-changing dream for these children and their adoptive families;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2016 as

"ADOPTION DAY IN HAWAII"

and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in participating in this national effort, recognizing the importance of providing permanent homes for children, and celebrating all adoptions.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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