

National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week

WHEREAS, the purpose of the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is to provide nutritious foods to children, older adults and functionally impaired and disabled persons, especially those from lower economic circumstances; and

WHEREAS, proper nutrition is vital to the physical, intellectual and emotional development of young children and to the health and wellness of adults; and

WHEREAS, more than 3.3 million children and 120,000 adults receive meals and snacks each day through CACFP; and

WHEREAS, lifelong, positive eating habits will help reduce future health care and education costs due to lack of proper early development; and

WHEREAS, CACFP encourages parents to take a proactive role in nutrition by providing them with resources, such as fun and easy recipes that they can make together with their children; and

WHEREAS, providers receive valuable nutrition education that helps them identify the proper foods and appropriate amounts to serve young age groups; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i has 225 providers enrolled in the CACFP which improves the quality of child care in our communities, directly benefitting more than 2,300 children; and

WHEREAS, CACFP Week is a national education and information campaign sponsored by the National CACFP Sponsors Association;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of **Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim March 12 - 18, 2017 as

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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the value of the Child and Adult Care Food Program and raise awareness of how CACFP works to combat hunger, bring healthy foods to the table for adults in day care and children in child care and afterschool programs, and sustain summer feeding programs across the country.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this tenth day of March 2017.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i