

Proclamation Presented to Parents and Children Together

WHEREAS, Parents and Children Together (PACT), founded in 1968, is one of Hawai'i's largest family-service organizations whose mission is "to promote and support healthy individuals, families and communities by creating opportunities for them to identify and address their own strengths, needs and concerns and successfully realize their potential;" and

WHEREAS, PACT helps families identify, address and successfully resolve challenges through its fifteen statewide programs in the areas of early childhood education, domestic violence prevention and treatment, child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment, positive youth development, community and economic development, and mental health support; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, Parents and Children Together Keiki Day, PACT's annual signature event, has been sponsored by The Honolulu Advertiser, now The Honolulu Star Advertiser/O'ahu Publications, with local celebrities, government and corporate leaders, University of Hawai'i athletes and coaches and up to 1,200 other volunteers selling a special edition of the newspaper on street corners; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2017, this year's special edition will focus attention on children, education and the importance of family in our communities and feature student winners of the Keiki Day Creativity Contest and include parent-child information, tips for parents and teachers and interactive materials for kids; and

WHEREAS, through direct sponsorship by individuals and companies, copies of this special edition will be delivered to classrooms of all public and private schools throughout Hawai'i;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2017 as

"PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER KEIKI DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to support this initiative and recognize the contributions of Parents and Children Together to highlight the importance of the family in our communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this thirtieth day of April 2017.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i