



Proclamation

In Recognition of

National Recovery Month

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month is a nationwide observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with addiction and/or behavioral disorders to live a healthy and rewarding life; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i and across the nation, millions of lives are being transformed through prevention, treatment, and recovery programs and facilities supported by federal, state, and local government, as well as nonprofit organizations and associations; and

WHEREAS, behavioral health care is essential to creating a 21st century health care system that provides affordable and individualized programs, improves access to recovery programs, and offers appropriate referrals for treatment for all Hawai'i residents; and

WHEREAS, an average of 7.3 percent of individuals, aged 12 or older, in Hawai'i undergo treatment for alcohol dependence or abuse; and

WHEREAS, every \$1 invested in treatment reduces drug-related crime and criminal justice costs by \$4 to \$7; and

WHEREAS, treatment for those with substance abuse and mental health conditions have proven to be effective, resulting in a healthy and rewarding life; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the theme of this year's National Recovery Month celebration, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities," Hawai'i celebrates the achievements of those who have reclaimed their lives through hard work, supported by a strong sense of 'ohana and core values; and

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

"RECOVERY MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to take action, be catalysts for positive change, and celebrate with the people who can and do recover from substance abuse and mental health disorders.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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