



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Family Engagement and Cultural Effectiveness Week

WHEREAS, Head Start has been funded since 1965 to address the needs of children, families and communities with a two-generational approach that results in better-prepared children, stronger families and healthier communities; and

WHEREAS, evidence-based curricula support parents as a child's first teacher, and programs that provide meaningful family engagement see immediate results in critical areas such as child attendance, child health and family wellness; and

WHEREAS, research also validates and advances the knowledge that children's academic success is substantially bolstered when families are knowledgeable and active in their children's development; and

WHEREAS, Head Start and Early Head Start provide unique opportunities for families to grow in their role as parents, as well as to learn new skills to increase their success in employment and higher education; and

WHEREAS, Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Region 9, which includes Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawai'i and the Pacific Region, created an annual event that brings together national and local practitioners, researchers and motivational speakers to increase staff knowledge and agency capacity to implement family engagement strategies that are culturally effective; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Head Start Association has been instrumental in hosting this training for the past three years, benefitting Hawai'i's 3,000 enrolled families and bringing in agency staff from other states; and

WHEREAS, this week of learning, sharing and networking will benefit many here in Hawai'i as well as our Region 9 sister states, and beyond;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 31-November 3, 2017 as

"FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND CULTURAL EFFECTIVENESS WEEK"

in Hawai'i and urge our citizens in the Aloha State to support young children and their families in local Head Start programs as we all strive to create the very best opportunities for future generations.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth-seventh day of October 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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