Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that about 3,700 infants die suddenly and unexpectedly each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) remains the leading cause of death in infants one month to twelve months old even while the prevalence of SIDS has decreased by 50% over the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) and other sleep-related deaths can be reduced by always placing infants to sleep on their backs, alone, on a firm surface in a safety-approved crib with no bumpers, pillows, blankets, or toys, and in the same room where the parents sleep; and

WHEREAS, Safe Sleep Hawaiʻi emphasizes the need for parents, grandparents, relatives, and childcare professionals to be educated in infant sleep safety through programs, such as home visits to families with infants to give them safe sleep tips and educational materials; and

WHEREAS, Child Family Service collaborates with the State of Hawaiʻi in Safe Sleep Hawaiʻi activities to improve the health and well-being of infants by providing educational materials and supportive services in the communities where they live; and

WHEREAS, Infant Safe Sleep Month in Hawaiʻi is observed in October to coincide with National SIDS Awareness Month, which is designated to increase public awareness of the high rate of preventable infant deaths through education and programs;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and **I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor** of the **State of Hawaiʻi,** do hereby proclaim October 2018 as

"INFANT SAFE SLEEP MONTH"

in Hawaiʻi and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and participating in its observance and to keep our keiki safe by following safe sleep recommendations.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawaiʻi, this eighteenth day of September 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawaiʻi

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawaiʻi