

ProclamationIn Recognition of

Children and Youth Day 2018

WHEREAS, our children and youth are our greatest resource, and their curiosity and creativity have much to contribute to the future of the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, investing time and energy in our children and encouraging them to develop to their full potential is an investment in Hawai'i's social, political, and economic future; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that Hawai'i's keiki grow up in a safe and healthy environment is one of the highest priorities of our state; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the Hawai'i State Legislature designated the first Sunday in October as Children and Youth Day in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Children and Youth Day is a day to celebrate keiki across the islands, strengthen families and build communities; and

WHEREAS, the Children and Youth Day celebration fosters community goodwill and highlights available resources that support our keiki, teens and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Children and Youth Day celebration is a free family-friendly event open to the public, offering cool outdoor activities, fun crafts, an assortment of local food trucks and vendors, impressive entertainment and informational booths; and

WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 25th anniversary of Children and Youth Day in the State of Hawai'i;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2018 as

"CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in helping Hawai'i's keiki reach their full potential, recognizing their accomplishments and supporting them through their challenges, and to cherish, love and respect our keiki every single day.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of September 2018.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i