



Proclamation

WHEREAS, all children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that enables them to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, schools can more effectively ensure that all students are able to learn when they meet the needs of the whole child and provide integrated, multi-tiered support; and

WHEREAS, a child's mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to good mental health by connecting a child to the school and community; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists are members of school teams that enhance the educational experience for students and parents and are specially trained to foster and deliver a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists also help children thrive by nurturing their individual strengths across both personal and academic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists (HASP), a nonprofit organization, advocates for Hawai'i's keiki and their 'ohana, and encourages current and effective practices in psychological assessments, educational interventions, legal and ethical issues, and mental health to meet the unique needs of Hawai'i's students, schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with School Psychology Awareness Week, November 12-16, 2018, HASP's 18th Annual State Conference themed, "Keys for Our Keiki: Opening Doors to Success," will be held on October 15-17, 2018 at the Grand Wailea Resort in Maui;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 12-16, 2018 as

"HAWAI'I SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS WEEK"

and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring and recognizing these specially trained professionals as they work to promote the learning, personal achievement, growth, behavior, mental health and well-being of Hawai'i's keiki.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i