

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, each year November is designated as National Family Caregivers Month to celebrate and honor family caregivers across the country who are providing care for their relatives or loved ones with a chronic illness or disability; and

**WHEREAS**, whether caring for a senior with Alzheimer's disease, a disabled adult or a child with special needs, over 90 million Americans today are family caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, although caregiving can be a rewarding experience, it can be challenging with many caregivers working full or part-time, juggling family and household responsibilities while providing care; and

**WHEREAS**, family caregivers provide the most basic care and services, such as bathing and grooming, dressing, transportation, housekeeping and cleaning, food preparation and feeding, supervision and companionship, in addition to medication management, communication with health professionals, and decision making, all without compensation; and

**WHEREAS**, family caregivers bring comfort, love, compassion and stability to their loved ones as they themselves face physical and mental challenges in learning to perform emergency care, while balancing work, family and financial hardship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition was founded in 2004 to develop new partnerships that address the needs of family caregivers in the state, increase community awareness of caregiver issues, offer education, training and advocacy, and provide access to affordable quality resources and services; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i's population is aging more rapidly than the national average and support for our caregivers is of primary importance; and


**WHEREAS**, it is vital that caregivers take care of themselves and have the necessary support and services to sustain their own health, careers, relationships and financial well-being;

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

## **"FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to celebrate the caregivers in our community who work every day of the year to care for a family member, friend, or neighbor, and recognize them for the critical role they play in meeting the needs of our kūpuna and family members with chronic conditions or disabilities.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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