



Proclamation

WHEREAS, an estimated 22,619 people with developmental disabilities live in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS every person, regardless of their abilities, skills, and talents, has valuable strengths, an infinite capacity to learn, and the potential to make meaningful contributions to their neighborhood and community; and

WHEREAS, all individuals with or without developmental disabilities should be treated with respect and dignity, and be empowered to live self-determined lives; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities deserve the same opportunity to earn an income and achieve independence like anyone else; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i has a vested interest in increasing the inclusion of people living with a disability by providing access, meaningful services, and improved outcomes for all citizens at the state, county, local, and private sector levels; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities is to advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, provide opportunities and enable them to reach their potential; and

WHEREAS, the Council's vision is to ensure that people with disabilities are treated equally and that they enjoy the fundamental human rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

"DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to recognize the abilities and contributions of people with developmental disabilities, and to engage and encourage them in their endeavors.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirteenth day of February 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i