Proclamation

WHEREAS, sexual assault is a serious and widespread problem for both women and men; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault has a negative impact on both victims and the community, considering the criminal justice costs, property loss or damage, lost work productivity and short-and long-term physical and mental health treatment; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence is preventable, and prevention includes changing behaviors and promoting respect through the things we say and do each day; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is about more than awareness–the ultimate goal is prevention–and this year's national theme, "I Ask," centers on empowering all of us to practice consent; and

WHEREAS, consent is a clear, concrete example of what it takes to end sexual harassment, abuse and assault, and is about always choosing to respect the personal and emotional boundaries of others; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaiʻi State Department of Health, in partnership with the Hawaiʻi State Department of the Attorney General and the Hawaiʻi Coalition Against Sexual Assault, supports sexual assault prevention education through 14 Sexual Violence Prevention Community Action Teams throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaiʻi Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Hawaiʻi State Department of Health and Hawaiʻi State Department of the Attorney General recognize and applaud the efforts of the organizations and individuals who champion the necessity and power of consent as a healthy, normal, and necessary part of everyday interactions;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and **I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor** of the **State of Hawaiʻi,** do hereby proclaim April 2019 as

"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawaiʻi and educate and encourage our citizens to support and empower everyone to ask for consent to bring safety and aloha into our world.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawaiʻi, this first day of April 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawaiʻi

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawaiʻi