

Proclamation

WHEREAS, housing discrimination is inconsistent with the values of equal opportunity and fairness, which we as citizens of the United States of America and the State of Hawai'i cherish and protect; and

WHEREAS, one year prior to passage of the federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, Hawai'i demonstrated its commitment to the principles of fair housing, including residential desegregation, by passing the state's own Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, April 2019 marks the 51st anniversary of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly referred to as the Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and Chapter 515 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, are the principal instruments to end discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, age, and human immunodeficiency virus infection status; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Department of Human Services, Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, City and County of Honolulu, and the Counties of Hawai'i, Maui and Kaua'i are committed to working together to end discrimination in housing; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of fair housing rights is a critical component of eliminating housing discrimination in communities throughout Hawai'i;

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

"FAIR HOUSING AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people, agencies and institutions of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and abiding by the Fair Housing Act and Chapter 515 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes as we promote equal opportunity and end housing discrimination.

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

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

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