



Proclamation

WHEREAS, nearly 1 in 5 children in the United States have a mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder, such as anxiety, depression, attention-deficit or hyperactivity; and

WHEREAS, factors that predict mental health problems can be identified in the early years of a child's life, emphasizing the need to raise awareness of early warning signs for proper diagnosis and comprehensive, coordinated mental health services; and

WHEREAS, providing integrated services to address the complex mental health needs of children and youth has a positive effect on their future success and productivity; and

WHEREAS, the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) provides mental health assessment and treatment services to children and youth with emotional and behavioral challenges; and

WHEREAS, the agency provides culturally sensitive, child- and family-centered services including assessment, case management, home and community-based therapeutic support, and temporary out-of-home therapeutic programs; and

WHEREAS, DOH Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division observes National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day to underscore the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for children, youth, young adults and their families in our community;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2019 as

"CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of children's mental health, and understanding that early assessment leads to early treatment, which leads to healthy development.

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

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i