



Proclamation

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious, widespread and hidden societal problem that affects 4 million women, children, and men in the United States each year, regardless of race, age and income; and

WHEREAS, each year in Hawai'i, about 50,000 women between the ages of 18 and 64 are victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, abuse can have long-term damaging effects on victims and their families, friends, and communities, and children who witness domestic violence often grow up believing that physical cruelty is normal, thereby perpetuating the cycle of violence; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) has advocated for victims and survivors of domestic violence for over 35 years to create a safer and more peaceful state for Hawai'i families; and

WHEREAS, HSCADV is comprised of 23 organizations— Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Children and Family Service, Domestic Violence Action Center, Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, Lōkahi Treatment Centers, Neighborhood Place of Kona, Parents and Children Together, PAU Violence University of Hawai'i, Salvation Army, Victim/Witness Kokua Services Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, Women Helping Women, YMCA of Hawai'i, and YWCA of Kaua'i; and

WHEREAS, each year, HSCADV serves over 2,000 victims of domestic violence from all islands; and

WHEREAS, the 25th Annual Men's March Against Violence kicks off on October 1, 2019, helping to bring attention to this serious issue of domestic violence and letting people know that domestic violence cannot be tolerated and must be stopped;

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

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of domestic violence prevention and recognizing the courage and inspiration of survivors, community leaders, police, judges, healthcare workers, and advocates who are working on solutions to end domestic violence.

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



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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i