



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's population is aging more rapidly than the national average and support for our caregivers is of primary importance; and

WHEREAS, there are about 154,000 unpaid family caregivers in Hawai'i who are taking care of their parents, spouses, partners, and other relatives who need care; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers play a crucial role in the State's healthcare system by providing the most basic care and services for disabled or elderly family members and friends—bathing, grooming, dressing, assisting with bathroom needs, going out, preparing food and feeding, as well as medication management, supervision, companionship, emotional support, house care and cleaning, shopping and errands; and

WHEREAS, the emotional, physical, financial and mental impact from caregiving takes a toll on a person's health, well-being and family life; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to ensure that caregivers have the necessary support and services; be able to continue to earn a living; find a balance between caregiving, their families and relationships, and career; and have time for themselves; and

WHEREAS, November is National Family Caregivers Month—a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions of those individuals who serve as caregivers for family members with a chronic illness or disability;

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

“FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of family caregivers and the contributions they have made to loved ones.

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

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i