



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, oral health and hygiene contribute to the overall health of all Hawai'i's keiki, and can be achieved and maintained by the regular practice of good dental habits, such as brushing and flossing one's teeth after each meal and by scheduling regular checkup appointments at a local dentist's office; and

**WHEREAS**, 7 out of 10 third graders in our state are affected by tooth decay, resulting in Hawai'i having the highest prevalence of tooth decay among third graders in the U.S; and

**WHEREAS**, good dental habits that are learned at an early age and reinforced by parents and dental healthcare providers help people maintain good dental health throughout their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, good oral health includes better nutrition and contributes to a better ability to concentrate as well as improved school attendance; and

**WHEREAS**, National Children's Dental Health Month is celebrated each February in order to raise awareness about the importance of good oral health by promoting the benefits of good oral health to children, their caregivers, teachers and others;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 2020 as**

## **"CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in helping to promote and practice good oral hygiene, especially with children, in order to reduce the prevalence of tooth decay in our state.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this third day of February 2020.

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

**DAVID Y. IGE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i