



Proclamation

WHEREAS, when parents become more involved in their communities, they help to create better and safer places for families; and

WHEREAS, National Parent Leadership Month was created to recognize parents for their vital leadership and mentoring roles in their homes and communities in Hawai'i, the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Child and Family Service, along with parents, community organizations, and local and national government leaders, celebrate National Parent Leadership Month to honor parent leaders within our communities and encourage others to develop their potential to become parent leaders; and

WHEREAS, parent leadership is an essential and effective means of strengthening families, preventing child abuse and neglect, and connecting communities; and

WHEREAS, meaningful parent leadership occurs when parents gain the knowledge and skills necessary to function in leadership roles and present a "parent voice" to help shape the direction of their families, programs and communities; and

WHEREAS, parents who take on leadership roles expand their own strengths and abilities to develop and implement plans to reach specific goals; and

WHEREAS, parent leaders who share their experience and knowledge help to build resiliency in other parents, children and youth, foster well-being, and improve lives for a better future;

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

"PARENT LEADERSHIP MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring parent leaders and the work that they do and encourage potential leaders to gain new skills and improve their self-esteem to help in improving their home and communities.

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

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i