



Proclamation

WHEREAS, offering breakfast as part of the school day improves children's diets, builds healthy lifelong eating habits and allows students to begin their days focused and ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Education "Jump Start Breakfast" program is a partnership with the Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Safeway Foundation and No Kid Hungry that aims to promote breakfast participation at schools throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Hawai'i, breakfast is offered at all 256 public schools, but less than 40 percent of students who eat free or reduced-price school lunch in Hawai'i eat a school breakfast; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is dedicated to expanding access to and enhancing current school breakfast programs to ensure that our children are provided with the means to succeed, and teachers are encouraged to incorporate breakfast into the school day; and

WHEREAS, participating schools implement the "breakfast after the bell" model, allowing for meals to be delivered to the classroom, students to pick up a "grab and go" item, or breakfast to be served after first period; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with National School Breakfast Week, March 2-6, 2020, the State of Hawai'i recognizes the efforts made by schools and their food service personnel to ensure the health, safety, and success of our children, and raising parent and community awareness of how important a good breakfast is to help children jump start their day;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

"SCHOOL BREAKFAST MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in celebrating and promoting the health and education of our keiki so that no child should go hungry at the start of the school day.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i