

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every American should have an equal opportunity to seek a place to live without fear of discrimination when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, seeking housing assistance, or engaging in other housing-related activities; and

WHEREAS, the month of April 2020 marks the 52nd anniversary of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly referred to as the Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, one year prior to passage of the federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, Hawai'i demonstrated its commitment to the principles of fair housing by passing the state's own Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and Chapter 515 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, protects people from discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, age, and human immunodeficiency virus infection status; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act applies to all citizens, landlords, rental agencies, real estate companies, building management and homeowner associations, financial institutions and others engaged in housing services; and


WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Department of Human Services, City and County of Honolulu, Counties of Hawai'i, Maui, and Kaua'i, and the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i are committed to working together to end discrimination in housing;

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

“FAIR HOUSING AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and join me in raising public awareness of fair housing rights and supporting an end to housing discrimination.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirty-first day of March 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i