

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month is recognized each April to raise awareness on the issue of child abuse and neglect and the vital need to strengthen families and protect children everywhere; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse takes many forms, including exploitation, neglect, mistreatment and physical, sexual, or emotional abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse or neglect are serious adverse childhood experiences that can have long-term detrimental effects on a child's development as well as their mental and physical health; and

**WHEREAS**, having an interisland, statewide child abuse and neglect prevention coalition between families, child welfare professionals, law enforcement agencies, and health, education, community and faith-based organizations allows us to formulate the best prevention measures and solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, it is our shared kuleana to ensure that all children in Hawai'i live in a safe and nurturing environment so that they are healthy, ready to learn and able to thrive; and


**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect are preventable when parents, families, communities and government agencies work together to advocate for safe environments for all children;

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

## **“CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and urge the citizens of the Aloha State to dedicate ourselves to the task of protecting our children, our most valuable resources who will shape the future of the Hawai'i.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i