

Proclamation

WHEREAS, children’s mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health through connectedness within the school and community; and

WHEREAS, children learn best when they are placed in a safe, healthy and supportive environment that enables them to grow academically, socially, and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, school safety, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention, and support of culturally diverse student populations; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists are specially trained to foster and deliver a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists help children thrive by nurturing their individual strengths; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists are trained to assess barriers to learning and individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and

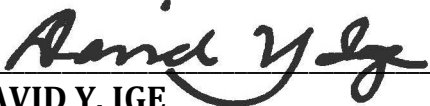
WHEREAS, school psychologists play a vital role in supporting mental health and meeting the individual needs of students by supporting their schools and their families;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim November 9–13, 2020 as

“SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK”

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the value of school psychology and honoring the professionals who work to engage students at all levels of learning and development to promote personal achievement, growth, and resilience as well as a sense of connectedness and well-being.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this ninth day of November 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i