



# *Proclamation*

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

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

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim February 2021 as

## **"PARENT LEADERSHIP MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the importance of meaningful parent leadership and celebrating the efforts of parent leaders who work to make our homes and communities safer and better for our keiki.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of January 2021.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i