



Proclamation

WHEREAS, individuals with developmental disabilities are friends, neighbors, classmates, co-workers, volunteers, and teammates; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month reminds the public of the estimated 22,619 people in Hawai'i with developmental disabilities, including Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Epilepsy, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, Intellectual Disability and Traumatic Brain Injury; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Treat All People with Equal Rights. Respect All!" was determined by the self-advocates of the State of Hawai'i to acknowledge that communities are stronger when all abilities are included in education, employment, and community living; and

WHEREAS, this month especially, we can help to empower, advocate, and support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities statewide to control their own destiny and determine the quality of life they desire;

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

"DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and call upon all citizens to recognize the abilities and contributions of people with developmental disabilities and to transform our communities into an inclusive place for everyone just as they are.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i