



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse occurs in both domestic and institutional settings; and

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse includes neglect, physical harm, psychological and sexual abuse, and financial exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, at least about 10 percent of adults age 60 and older will experience some form of elder abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the more isolated a kupuna is, the greater the risk of elder abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse leads to deterioration in health, hospitalization, depression, financial loss, and diminished independence and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i's kūpuna should be treated with respect and dignity, have opportunities to engage in healthy and safe lives, and thrive in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, we must ensure that proper social structures exist so Hawai'i's kūpuna can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of elder abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, area agencies on aging, state and county social services agencies, law enforcement, the justice system, financial institutions and nonprofit organizations are committed to listen, learn and share ways to provide support, mitigation, justice and education on preventing and eliminating elder exploitation and abuse at the first statewide virtual conference this year;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2021 as

## **“WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in promoting awareness of the signs and dangers of elder abuse and recognizing the agencies, organizations, and individuals for their efforts in elder abuse prevention.

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

  
DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i