



Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month is recognized each April to raise awareness on the widespread problem of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse, which includes neglect, emotional maltreatment, and physical, sexual or emotional abuse have profound negative effects on the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional well-being of children often causing life-long physical and mental health concerns; and

WHEREAS, each year, thousands of suspected cases of child abuse are reported in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is preventable when statewide government agencies, community organizations, coalitions, communities, schools, families, and individuals work together to advocate for safe environments for all children and increase access to services; and

WHEREAS, all children have the chance to grow up in a caring, stable and nurturing environment, and it is our shared kuleana to ensure that all children in Hawai'i can grow up healthy and with the ability to thrive;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in dedicating ourselves to the task of protecting our keiki through public awareness, community education, support programs and intervention so that they can have a future full of hope, love and security.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirtieth day of March 2022.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i