



Proclamation

WHEREAS, individuals with developmental disabilities are community members who are friends, neighbors, classmates, co-workers, parents, doctors, professors, volunteers, and teammates; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 22,120 people in Hawai'i live 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, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is a time when the public reflects on the achievements of people with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Respect Others and All People with Disabilities!" was determined by the self-advocates of the State of Hawai'i to acknowledge that individuals with disabilities deserve respect, not pity; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month celebrates a culture of meaningful and full inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life;

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

"Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing 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 twenty-eighth day of February 2022.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i