



Proclamation

WHEREAS, April 2022 marks the 21st anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and is an opportunity for our community to reconnect in our efforts to prevent sexual violence and give survivors the support they need to heal; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence is widespread and impacts everyone in our community regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence can occur in person, online, or through social media, including acts such as non-consensual pornography or non-consensual sexting; and

WHEREAS, the COVID pandemic made disclosures of sexual violence particularly difficult, as safe places for disclosures were limited for children, victims involved in domestic and intimate partner violence and those suffering financial hardships; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,500 adults and children received specialized services from sexual assault centers and nearly 1,800 calls were made to the hotline last year; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of sexual violence requires education and a community response with acts of aloha, kindness and connection with one another—in our neighborhoods, in our workplaces, in our schools, and in our places of worship, and in our homes;

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

“SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the citizens of the Aloha State to join me in working together to end sexual violence; support survivors by letting them know that there are treatment services, safe spaces and help available; speak out against harmful attitudes and actions; and promote accountability and zero tolerance for any form of violence to create a safer world for all.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i