



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

# **Food Allergy Research and Education**

**WHEREAS**, as many as 15 million Americans have food allergies, nearly six million are children under the age of 18; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children; and

**WHEREAS**, eight foods cause 90 percent of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy and wheat, which cause food-allergic symptoms of hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, swelling of the throat and anaphylaxis, which is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergy results in more than 300,000 ambulatory care visits a year involving children under 18, usually when a person unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no known cure for food allergies, leaving strict avoidance of the offending food the only guaranteed way to avoid an allergic reaction; and

**WHEREAS**, Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies and to provide them hope through the promise of new treatments;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 10 - 16, 2015 as**

## **“FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us to help educate schools, restaurants and the public of the serious and potentially life-threatening nature of food allergies.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this fifth day of May 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i