



Proclamation
In Recognition of
Sexual Assault Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an opportunity to recommit to ending the outrage of sexual assault, giving survivors the support they need to heal, and to build a culture that will not tolerate sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an opportunity to highlight Hawai'i's efforts to reach out to survivors and to prevent these crimes from ever occurring; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Coalition Against Sexual Assault (HCASA) who, in collaboration with statewide sexual assault centers, strive to enhance services for Hawai'i's underserved populations, including our LGBTQ communities; and

WHEREAS, HCASA's recent publication, "LGBTQ-Enhanced Best Practice Standards for the Delivery of Sexual Assault Services in Hawai'i," (February 2015) lays the groundwork for creating a foundation of understanding for serving Hawai'i's LGBTQ victims and survivors of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, the "LGBTQ-Enhanced Best Practice Standards for the Delivery of Sexual Assault Services in Hawai'i," (February 2015) represents the collective efforts of many individuals and organizations, including Dr. Robert Bidwell, M.D. (consultant), each County's sexual assault center, the LGBTQ Advisory Committee, and the LGBTQ focus groups in each County; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a time to recognize the sexual assault centers and military sexual assault programs that support our victims and survivors through their intervention, treatment and prevention services:

- Hawai'i County Sexual Assault Support Services
- Kaua'i County Sexual Assault Treatment Services
- Maui County Sexual Assault Center
- O'ahu County Sex Abuse Treatment Center
- U.S. Army Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention Program
- U.S. Navy Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program
- U.S. Marine Corps Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program
- U.S. Coast Guard Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program
- Hawai'i Army National Guard Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention Program
- U.S. Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program
- Hawai'i Air National Guard Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program

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

"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to unite in working together towards a future where all women, men and children can live free from sexual violence and exploitation.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this thirty-first day of March 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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