



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Craniofacial Acceptance Month

WHEREAS, Craniofacial Acceptance Month is observed every September by the Children's Craniofacial Association in order to create awareness of craniofacial differences; and

WHEREAS, Craniofacial Acceptance Month recognizes that individuals, especially children, with facial differences must contend frequently with social discrimination and emotional isolation due to looking different and, as a result, they often suffer from low self-esteem and rejection by their peers; and

WHEREAS, Craniofacial Acceptance Month honors families for emotionally and financially supporting their children, who often undergo extensive medical treatment, including multiple surgeries for their condition; and

WHEREAS, Craniofacial Acceptance Month's goal is to create awareness of craniofacial differences and to get people to see that "beyond the face is a heart." of a person;

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

"CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask all the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in accepting individuals affected by facial differences.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of August 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i