



Proclamation
In Recognition of
Bully Free Month

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, such as the internet and cell phones; and

WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

WHEREAS, thousands of children and adolescents in Hawai'i are affected by bullying every year; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious types of violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2015 as Bully Free Day and October 1 - 31, 2015 as

"BULLY FREE MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and engaging in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all our children and adolescents.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this tenth day of September 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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