



# *Proclamation*

*Presented to*

## **Domestic Violence Action Center**

**WHEREAS**, the Domestic Violence Action Center is the only agency of its kind that provides unduplicated and specialized services such as helpline assistance, legal representation, client advocacy, support for families in the child welfare system suffering the harm of child abuse and partner abuse, community education and training and technical assistance for system reform to survivors of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is defined as the systemic use of coercion and domination to gain and maintain power and control over an intimate partner through the use of verbal, physical, sexual and psychological violence; and that societal abuse of power and domination in the forms of sexism, racism, heterosexism, classism, anti-Semitism, ageism and other oppressions foster battering by perpetuating conditions which condone violence against women and children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Domestic Violence Action Center focuses on safety planning, risk assessments, legal information, referrals and providing accompaniments, such as, Hopeline cell phones, stalking kits, emergency cash grants for children's needs and assistance with scholarships to return to school in order to assist domestic violence victims transform into survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Domestic Violence Action Center is well known for its fantastic work in helping the community understand domestic violence and helping survivors become free and self-sufficient;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2015 as**

## **"THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION CENTER"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the Domestic Violence Action Center for their continued dedicated efforts to prevent domestic violence and to serve those suffering in abusive relationships.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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