



Proclamation

In Recognition of

National Adoption Day

WHEREAS, National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of the more than 100,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families by working with policymakers, practitioners and advocates to finalize adoptions to create and celebrate adoptive families; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i recognizes the importance of giving our *keiki* permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 100,000 children in the United States foster care system, including a number of children here in Hawai'i, waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, adoption provides these children the chance to live with stable and devoted families where they can thrive by enjoying safety, comfort and the support to lead fulfilling, productive and rewarding lives pursuing their dreams; and

WHEREAS, every successful adoption is a life-changing achievement for these children and their adoptive families;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 21, 2015 as

“NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY”

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in taking part in this national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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