



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

## **Human Trafficking Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, Human Trafficking Awareness Month shines the light on the injustice and horrors of human trafficking that exists around the world, in our nation and even in our Aloha State; and

**WHEREAS**, in Hawai'i and elsewhere, both children and adults are enduring unrelenting violence -- from being coerced into prostitution or suffering the persistent psychological trauma of bonded labor as modern-day slaves; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking in Hawai'i knows no boundaries, claiming victims, particularly young girls of all ethnicities, from all geographic neighborhoods across the socioeconomic spectrum; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a flagrant violation of human rights that indiscriminately robs victims of their confidence and human dignity and inflicts pain, fear and shame; and

**WHEREAS**, government and community-based organizations are joining forces to end the devastating effects of human trafficking through prevention and treatment, and pushing back the forces that seek to destroy the lives of innocent victims; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to give our support to organizations and associations that are sentinel, so they can tackle the issue of human trafficking and assist in healing those who have been wounded physically, psychologically, emotionally and spiritually; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking ultimately takes a toll on everyone, wreaking havoc in families, communities and our local economy, and assaults our island cultural values that place a strong emphasis on family;

**THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim January 1 – 31, 2016 as

## **“HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH”**

in the State of Hawai'i and encourage citizens of the Aloha State to join us in resolving to end human trafficking of all forms in our state and boldly proclaim, “Not on our Islands.”

**DONE**, at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this eighth day of January 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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