

# *Proclamation*

*Presented to*

## **The State Council on Developmental Disabilities**

**WHEREAS**, March is National Developmental Disabilities Month and in an effort to spread awareness about developmental disabilities, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities highlights the many ways in which people with and without developmental disabilities come together to form strong, diverse communities; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 21,000 people in Hawai'i with developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, people with developmental disabilities continue to face barriers when connecting to the community in which they live; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers encourage everyone to seek awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life; and

**WHEREAS**, working side-by-side, there has been significant changes in the public perception of children and adults with developmental disabilities, opening new doors to independent and productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, every person, has an ability, has valuable strengths, infinite capacity to learn and the potential to make important contributions to their communities; and

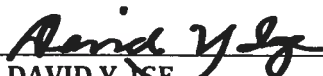
**WHEREAS**, all citizens are encouraged to highlight the many ways in which people with and without developmental disabilities come together to form strong, diverse communities that include full access to education, employment, housing, and recreational activities;

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

## **“DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and call upon all people to take time to recognize and celebrate the achievements and contributions of Hawai'i's citizens with developmental disabilities.

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



DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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