



Proclamation

Presented to

Hawai'i Families as Allies &

The "Children's Mental Health Matters" Campaign Committee

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Families as Allies and the "Children's Mental Health Matters" Campaign Committee raises awareness about the importance of children's mental health and also addresses the complex emotional and behavioral health needs of children and youth; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Families as Allies and the "Children's Mental Health Matters" Campaign Committee reminds us that children, youth and their families, along with the community, benefit from knowledge of the warning signs of emotional and/or behavioral struggle or suicide; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Families as Allies and the "Children's Mental Health Matters" Campaign Committee works with community partners to provide information about resources which address the needs of children who have mental health challenges and help provide immediate access to services and support that can lead to successful treatment, improve relationships and enhance the health and well-being of youth; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Families as Allies and the "Children's Mental Health Matters" Campaign Committee offers elementary students a social skill building activity, the "Make a Friend, Be a Friend – Wear One, Share One Challenge" to encourage the development of friendships among children at the elementary level and help improve their school's climate; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Families as Allies and the "Children's Mental Health Matters" Campaign Committee and many allied organizations through Hawai'i will host Children's Mental Health Awareness Week during May 3 – 9, 2015 to increase public awareness about mental illness, reduce the stigma associated with mental health problems, and increase awareness of treatments and support services which are available in our community;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 3 - 9, 2015 as

"CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to recognize the courage of children, youth and their families who are coping with, or recovering from, emotional and/or behavioral challenges, and acknowledging the invaluable contributions of families, as well as treatment and support service providers and advocates.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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