

Proclamation
Presented to

**Brain Injury Association of Hawai'i
and Pacific Disabilities Center**

WHEREAS, March is National Brain Injury Awareness Month, and a traumatic brain injury (TBI) can affect every aspect of an individual's life and recovery may be lifelong; and

WHEREAS, a TBI can affect an individual's thinking and memory, whether the victim is a senior, adult or child, and these injuries can have a major impact on the individual and their families; and

WHEREAS, according to the October 2015 "Hawai'i Special Emphasis Report: Traumatic Brain Injury 2010-2014" by the Hawai'i State Department of Health, 11,588 residents sustained a traumatic brain injury annually; and

WHEREAS, among those injured, 195 patients died as a direct result of TBI or in combination with other injuries or conditions; another 1,227 were hospitalized with a TBI; an additional 10,167 were treated and released from emergency departments with a TBI; and


WHEREAS, early detection and immediate treatment can greatly increase the overall quality of life for individuals affected by a TBI;

THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2016 as

"BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to recognize the dangers of traumatic brain injury and to seek medical treatment when a traumatic brain injury is suspected.

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


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


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