



Proclamation

Presented to

Prevent Child Abuse Hawai'i

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is preventable when parents, families, communities, and governments work together to advocate for safe environments for all children; and

WHEREAS, reports of child abuse and neglect have declined according to the State of Hawai'i Department of Human Services which provides oversight and protective services for at-risk children in the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the long-term effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by our whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, prevention of child abuse and neglect, and public awareness and education efforts, such as Pinwheels for Prevention, Wear Blue Day, and Family Story Times, succeed because of partnerships among private and public service agencies, health community, military, law enforcement, schools, faith and civic organizations, businesses, and concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse Hawai'i, Department of Health and Child Abuse Prevention Planning Council, a coalition of public and private service agencies, have scheduled a number of activities in April 2016 to raise awareness of the importance of helping families to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i recognizes and thanks all community partners for their contributions in preventing abuse and neglect before it happens by developing family-oriented, community-based prevention, awareness, education, and training programs;

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

“Child Abuse Prevention and Neglect Awareness Month”

in the State of Hawai'i and are proud to join the community to support continued collaborative efforts toward preventing child abuse and neglect.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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