



Proclamation
Presented to
Easter Seals Hawai'i

WHEREAS, this year marks the 70th Anniversary of Easter Seals Hawai'i, which is part of a national organization providing services and programs to individuals with special needs for more than 95 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, Dorothy Devereux and Governor John A. Burns lobbied in Washington, D.C. for services for crippled children in Hawai'i, resulting in the incorporation of the Hawai'i Chapter, National Society for Crippled Children and Adults (NSCCA) with Governor John Burns serving as its first president; and

WHEREAS, an initial gift of \$25,000 was presented to the NSCCA by Edward and Olga Sultan to establish, operate and maintain a therapeutic nursery school on O'ahu, primarily for children with cerebral palsy; and

WHEREAS, the school was named the Sultan Foundation Nursery School, and operated out of a simple Quonset hut, serving approximately 30 children; and

WHEREAS, with the further support of a group of business leaders and parents, committed to helping children with disabilities, the vision of the Sultans was expanded and The Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children was founded; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Easter Seals Hawai'i to provide exceptional, individualized family or person-centered services to empower people with disabilities or special needs to achieve their goals and live independent fulfilling lives is implemented through programs on the islands of O'ahu, Maui, Kaua'i and the Big Island of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS the services of Easter Seals Hawai'i also include: Early Intervention Services, Early Childhood Services, Youth Services, Home & Community Based Services, Employment Services, Behavior Services, Assistive Technology Services, and Autism Services; and

WHEREAS in commemoration of its anniversary celebration, Easter Seals Hawai'i will host a gala on April 29, 2016 at the Hawai'i State Art Museum;

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

"EASTER SEALS HAWAI'I AWARENESS MONTH"

and encourage our citizens to join with their communities in recognizing Easter Seals Hawai'i Awareness Month in Hawai'i.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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