



Proclamation

Presented to

The Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood and Hawai'i Coalition for Dads

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood and Hawai'i Coalition for Dads promote the message that good fathering during infancy, childhood and adolescence contributes to the development of a child's emotional security and has positive psychological and economic benefits for children, their families and our community; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood and Hawai'i Coalition for Dads acknowledge that children and teens of fathers who take time to be involved in regular family activities have higher self-esteem, better social skills and fewer high-risk behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood and Hawai'i Coalition for Dads, together with several State and local agencies, such as the Department of Human Services, the Department of Health, Prevent Child Abuse Hawai'i, Keiki O Ka 'Aina, the University of Hawai'i, and Maui Family Support Services, support and encourage fathers to become involved caretakers who play an integral role in the development of their keiki as they grow to become empathetic and compassionate adults; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood and Hawai'i Coalition for Dads recognize President Barack Obama, a father of two daughters, who has acknowledged the important role that fathers have in family and society; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood and Hawai'i Coalition for Dads are sponsoring the 18th Annual "Celebrate Father's Day" at Windward Mall Shopping Center on Saturday, June 18, 2016, which will include the Annual Father-Child Look-a-Like contest and provide useful parenting information, interactive activities, and educational materials from community agencies;

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

"FATHERHOOD MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating the important role of fathers in raising happy and healthy *keiki* in our state.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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