



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

### **Individuals Affected By Facial Differences**

**WHEREAS**, there are 100,000 babies born every year with a facial disfiguring condition of the head and/or face; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with facial differences often suffer from low self-esteem due to looking different; and

**Whereas**, in a society that is too often focused on physical appearance, many people are unaware that individuals with facial disfigurement often endure as many as thirty to forty surgeries before they reach adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, families with a member who has a craniofacial condition are under much strain due to the emotional and financial demands resulting from ongoing and expensive medical treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a lack of education and information disseminated to the general public about individuals with facial differences; and

**WHEREAS**, Craniofacial Acceptance Month promotes the acceptance of individuals affected by facial differences;

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

### **“CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and ask all the citizens of the Aloha State to recognize the challenges of those who have craniofacial disfigurements, appreciate the hardships faced by their families, and accept all people as the individuals they are.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this second day of August 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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