



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

### **The Hawai'i Substance Abuse Coalition**

**WHEREAS**, National Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to educate Americans that behavioral health is essential to overall health, and recovery is a process through which individuals are able to improve their wellness, live increasingly self-directed lives, and strive to fulfill their greatest potential; and

**WHEREAS**, in Hawai'i and across the nation, millions of lives are being transformed through prevention, treatment, and recovery programs at facilities supported by federal, state, and local governments, as well as nonprofit organizations and associations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that more than 90,000 adolescents and adults in Hawai'i are in need of substance abuse treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of Hawai'i seeking treatment for addiction need affordable, individualized programs that offer appropriate referrals as well as access to treatment services; and

**WHEREAS**, every \$1 invested in treatment results in a return of \$4 to \$7 in reduced drug-related crime, criminal justice costs, and theft; and

**WHEREAS**, treatment for those with substance abuse and mental health conditions have proven to be effective, resulting in a healthy and rewarding life; and

**WHEREAS**, National Recovery Month celebrates the gains made by those in recovery, just as we celebrate improvements in those with other health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, in keeping with the theme of this year's National Recovery Month celebration—Join the Voices for Recovery: Our Families, Our Stories, Our Recovery!—Hawai'i celebrates the achievements of those who have reclaimed their lives through hard work supported by a strong sense of 'ohana values; and

**WHEREAS**, National Recovery Month encourages Hawai'i residents to take action, generate positive change, and expand and improve the availability of effective prevention, treatment, and recovery services for those in need;

**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**

## **"NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the value of recovery programs for substance abuse and mental health disorders and the providers who are transforming the lives of individuals and families across our state, and to celebrate with people who can and do recover from substance abuse and mental health disorders.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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