



*Proclamation*  
*In Recognition of*

**National Stepfamily Day**

**WHEREAS**, National Stepfamily Day is enhanced by our strong commitment to support the stepfamilies of our community in their mission to raise their children, create strong family structures to support the individual members of the family, and instill in them a sense of responsibility to all extended family members; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately half of all Americans are currently involved in some form of stepfamily relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i has been blessed by loving stepparents and stepchildren who are daily reminders of the joy, trials, and triumphs of the stepfamily experience and of the boundless love contained in the bond between all types of parents and children; and

**WHEREAS**, National Stepfamily Day is a day to celebrate the many invaluable contributions stepfamilies have made in enriching the lives and experience of children and parents, and in strengthening the fabric of Hawai'i's families and communities;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2016 as**

**“NATIONAL STEPFAMILY DAY”**

and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring the children and parents of Hawai'i's blended families.

**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