



Proclamation

Presented to

Hawai'i Association of Behavioral Analysis

WHEREAS, autism, the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people, is an urgent public health crisis that demands a national response; and

WHEREAS, autism is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the human brain, and can impact anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations, and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, the effort to address autism continues; doctors, therapists, and educators can help persons with autism overcome or adjust to its challenges and provide early, accurate diagnosis, and the appropriate education, intervention and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and

WHEREAS, providing autistic individuals with access to lifelong care and services will ensure their full measure of personal happiness and greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder,

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 Autism Awareness Month and April 2, 2016 as

“WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY”

in Hawai'i to raise public awareness of autism and the myriad of issues surrounding autism, as well as to increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals with autism and their families.

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


DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i



SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i