



*Proclamation*  
*In Recognition of*

## **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States, detected in nearly 16,000 of our country's young between infancy and the age of 15; and

**WHEREAS**, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer, while many infants, children, and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, founded twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at the Tripler Army Medical Center, Shriners' Hospital for Children, Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children in Honolulu, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. also sponsor Courageous Kid Recognition Award presentations, family sailing, pet-assisted therapy, community get well cards, and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 1 - 30, 2016 as**

## **"CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. for their efforts to provide free, clear, and independent information and research that enables children and their families to make smarter choices for cancer treatment, with an emphasis on dignity, functionality, and finding a cure for childhood cancer.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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