



# *Proclamation*

*In Recognition of*

## **National School Psychology Awareness Week**

**WHEREAS**, all children and youth learn best when they are learning in a healthy and safe environment, enabling them to thrive academically, socially and emotionally; and

**WHEREAS**, schools can support learning and meet the needs of the whole child by providing an individualized level of support appropriate for each child; and

**WHEREAS**, sound psychological principles are integral to successful instruction and learning, social and emotional development, prevention and early intervention of learning and behavioral problems, school safety, and fostering a supportive environment for our culturally diverse student population; and

**WHEREAS**, school psychology has over 60 years of well-established, widely recognized and highly effective practices and standards that are clearly articulated in the National Association of School Psychologists' Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychology Services; and

**WHEREAS**, school psychologists are specially trained to foster and deliver a continuum of mental health services and academic support that lowers barriers to teaching and learning in the school and community, and can help children thrive by nurturing their individual strengths across both personal and academic endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, trained health professionals can recognize personal and environmental barriers to learning, recommend and implement prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists encourage current and effective practices in psychological assessment, educational interventions, legal and ethical issues and mental health to meet the unique needs of Hawai'i's students, schools and communities;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 14 - 18, 2016 as**

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in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring and recognizing these professionals, as they work to engage students at all levels of learning and development to promote personal achievement, growth and resilience, as well as a sense of belonging and well-being.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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