



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

### **Child Abuse Prevention and Neglect Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is preventable when parents, families, communities and government agencies work together to advocate for safe environments for all children; and

**WHEREAS**, confirmed cases of children abuse and neglect have declined according to the Hawai'i State Department of Human Services which provides oversight and protective services for at-risk children; and

**WHEREAS**, child maltreatment can lead to a broad range of short- and long-term physical and emotional health problems; and

**WHEREAS**, the long-term effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by everyone in our community, and must be addressed by the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness and education efforts such as Pinwheels for Prevention, Wear Blue Day, and Family Story Times succeed because of partnerships among private and public service agencies, medical community, law enforcement, the military, businesses, and concerned citizens who are engaged in the prevention and education of child abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, Prevent Child Abuse Hawai'i and the Hawai'i State Department of Health along with the Child Abuse Prevention Planning Council, a coalition of public and private service agencies, has scheduled a number of activities during April 2017 to raise awareness of the importance of helping families prevent child abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i recognizes and thanks all community partners for their contributions in preventing abuse and neglect before it happens by developing family-oriented, community-based prevention, awareness, and education, such as Protective Factors Training programs;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as**

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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in commending these dedicated professionals and their commitment to our communities, as they continue to work together toward engaging and informing the public about preventing child abuse and neglect and improving the well-being of our keiki.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twentieth day of January 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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