



Proclamation

In Recognition of

National Preparedness Month

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month, observed since 2004, was instituted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency within the Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, the goal of National Preparedness Month is to increase public awareness about the importance of being ready for emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist threats, and to encourage individuals, families, businesses and communities to take action; and

WHEREAS, in any emergency, one of the simplest things that individuals and families can do to be prepared is to have a family emergency plan that includes details such as whether your family plans to shelter in place or evacuate, and make sure everyone has a clear understanding of what should be done; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 hurricane season marks the 25th anniversary of Hurricane Iniki, which struck Kaua'i on September 11, 1992 as a category four hurricane leading to 6 deaths, over 100 injuries, \$3 billion in damage, and life-changing impacts lasting more than a generation; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is often threatened with natural disasters during hurricane season and preparedness is key to survival, including:

- creating an emergency supply kit that includes basic items like water, food for 14 days, medications, a battery-powered radio, flashlight and first aid kit; and
- assembling an emergency supply kit for pets that includes enough pet food and water for 14 days, medications and medical records, leashes, ID tags and other appropriate supplies; and
- knowing if your home is in an inundation zone, flood zone, or susceptible to high winds and other hazards; and
- walking your property and checking for potential flood threats; and
- knowing if your home is retrofitted with hurricane resistant clips or straps; and
- signing up for local notification systems; and
- getting to know your neighbors and community so you can help each other;

WHEREAS, it only takes one storm to affect your family and your community but with proper preparation we can ensure the safety of ourselves and our loved ones;

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

"EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of preparing for and knowing how to respond during an emergency and what to do when disaster strikes.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of August, 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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