



# *Proclamation*

*Presented to*

## **KAMP Hawaii**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2005, Aaron Kamau established Kids At Risk Mentoring Program (KAMP) Hawaii, a non-profit organization that focuses on helping disadvantaged youth from low-income households, school-age English language learners or immigrants, at-risk students and children with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of KAMP Hawaii is to build a solid foundation for family, community, state and country by working with our youth during their formative years so that the investment spent on our youth today will pay huge dividends in our society and for our future; and

**WHEREAS**, KAMP Hawaii's "Pride and Victory" Life Mentoring programs teach positive values, provide a caring, inclusive learning environment, promote teamwork and leadership, and reinforce personal respect and respect for others; and

**WHEREAS**, 23 public elementary, middle and high schools participate in the in-school programs, using a specialized curriculum based on the Department of Education's General Learning Outcome Standards and aligned with the Health and Wellness initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, 49 City & County of Honolulu Parks and Recreation program sites have hosted day camps around the island; and

**WHEREAS**, 509 campers participated in overnight camps and day camps in 2016, of which 200 campers were students with special needs; and

**WHEREAS**, at-risk youths are hired and trained as summer youth mentors in the Summer Healthy Lifestyle Programs, learning to help between 3,500 to 4,500 kids annually; and

**WHEREAS**, KAMP Hawaii currently serves 8,000 at-risk youths and special needs students;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim September 8, 2017 as

## **"KAMP HAWAII PRIDE AND VICTORY DAY"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Aaron Kamau and the many dedicated staff and volunteers for their passionate work with the youth of Hawai'i, the generosity of sponsors and supporters who champion the cause, and the pride and victory of the youths who are on the path of positive change in their lives.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighth day of September 2017.

  
DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i



SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i