



Proclamation
In Recognition of

Infant Safe Sleep Month

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that about 3,700 infants die suddenly and unexpectedly each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) remains the leading cause of death in infants one to twelve months old despite a 50 percent decrease in SIDS over the last twenty years; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that Sudden Unexpected Infant Death, which encompasses all unexpected infant deaths including SIDS, can be reduced by placing infants on their backs in a safety approved crib and within a safe environment; and

WHEREAS, Safe Sleep Hawai'i, a statewide coalition established with the Hawai'i Department of Health's Maternal Child Health Branch, provides leadership in the prevention of sudden infant deaths through education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, Safe Sleep Hawai'i emphasizes the need for parents, grandparents, relatives, caregivers and childcare professionals to be educated on safe sleep practices following the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Safe Sleep Hawai'i provides educational materials, safe sleep tips and home visits to families with infants; and

WHEREAS, Child & Family Service, a family-centered nonprofit organization, collaborates with the State of Hawai'i in Safe Sleep Hawai'i activities to improve the health and well-being of infants by providing educational materials and supportive services in the communities where they live; and

WHEREAS, October has been designated as National SIDS Awareness Month to increase public awareness of the high rate of preventable infant deaths;

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

"INFANT SAFE SLEEP MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and participating in its observance and keeping informed about how to keep our keiki safe.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this sixth day of October 2017.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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