



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

# **National Poison Prevention Week**

**WHEREAS**, poisoning is the number one cause of injury-related deaths in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the risk of accidental poisonings is not limited to any specific age group and can affect anyone, anywhere at any time of life; and

**WHEREAS**, children are commonly poisoned through painkillers, cosmetics, or household cleaning products, and preteens through older adults are commonly poisoned through herbal products, prescription drugs, alcohol, over-the-counter medicines, or spoiled food; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, over 7,000 possible poisonings in the State of Hawai'i are reported to the Hawai'i Poison Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Poison Center 2017 Quarterly Report indicated there were 697 medication exposures, 912 exposures to persons age 19 and under, 158 exposures to cleaning products and cosmetic items, 276 analgesic exposures, and 1,598 human exposures; and

**WHEREAS**, poison prevention methods include placing household chemicals out of the reach of children, storing items in their original containers to avoid confusion, and reading product labels, including the recommended dosages on all products; and

**WHEREAS**, virtually all accidental poisonings can be prevented; and

**WHEREAS**, the third week of March is designated National Poison Prevention Week as established by the U.S. Congress in 1961;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 18 – 24, 2018 as**

## **“POISON PREVENTION WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of poison prevention, take precautions to minimize risk of poisoning, and pledge commitment to ensure the safety of our families, communities and each other.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of March 2018.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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DOUGLAS S. CHIN  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i