



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

### **Hawai'i Children's Mental Health Awareness Day**

**WHEREAS**, approximately one out of every five children in the United States of America has a diagnosable mental health disorder, which may result in withdrawal from school, suicide, substance abuse, criminal activities, physical health problems, and economic hardship; and

**WHEREAS**, untreated mental health needs among children and youth affect the families, schools, communities, and workplaces, highlighting the need for an integrated approach to care for the mental health needs of children, youth, and young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, factors that predict mental health problems can be identified in the early years of a child's life, emphasizing the need to raise awareness of early warning signs for proper diagnosis and comprehensive, coordinated mental health services; and

**WHEREAS**, programs addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families today are fundamental to the future of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, Kaeru Services, a new program in the Hawai'i Department of Health, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division, serves to return children, youth, and young adults who are placed in out-of-state residential treatment facilities back to their home communities here in Hawai'i, and uses a cross-system collaboration to better assist them;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2018 as**

## **"HAWAI'I CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY"**

and ask the people of the Aloha State to recognize the fundamental necessity of a year-round program for our keiki, 'ōpio, and young adults with mental health or substance abuse disorders, and to support them and their families as they face these challenges.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirtieth day of April 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