



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Pedestrian Safety Month

WHEREAS, pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers can share the road and get to their destinations safely; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian safety is crucial to know for both pedestrians and drivers; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, there were 14 pedestrian fatalities in Hawai'i, all of which were preventable; and

WHEREAS, the primary cause of pedestrian accidents is inattentive behavior on both the part of the pedestrian and the driver; and

WHEREAS, all Hawai'i road users should always be vigilant of others by following traffic laws, checking blind spots, driving slowly in school zones and yielding to pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, to minimize distractions and improve safety, pedestrians crossing the street are banned from using electronic devices while crossing the street; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation's Walk Wise Hawai'i brochure, available in 12 different languages, encourages pedestrians to always look left, to always look right, to always look left again, and continue looking while crossing the street; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian safety tips include using a crosswalk, being vigilant, entering crosswalk on walk signal only (not during countdown), wearing bright or reflective clothing between dusk and dawn, watching for vehicles backing up, and walking on the side of oncoming traffic; and

WHEREAS, Pedestrian Safety Month highlights the efforts of the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation, Hawai'i State Department of Health, Hawai'i County Police Department, Honolulu Police Department, Kaua'i Police Department, Maui Police Department, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Federal Highway Administration, City & County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services, Safety Routes to School, Neighborhood Security Watch Teams, DTRIC Insurance, Farmers Insurance, Girl Scouts of Hawai'i, HMSA, Institute for Human Services, and Walk Wise Hawai'i;

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

"PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in practicing good pedestrian habits, promoting driver awareness to make our streets safer for all, and remembering that every pedestrian is a family member or friend walking on the sidewalk, crossing the street, or standing by the road.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of July 2018.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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