



Proclamation

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious, widespread and hidden societal problem that affects 4 million women, children, and men in the United States each year, regardless of race, age and income, and as many as one in four women are victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, abuse can have long-term damaging effects on the victim and their families, friends, and communities, and children who witness domestic violence often grow up believing that physical cruelty is normal and continue to perpetuate the cycle of violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence cannot be tolerated or accepted and must be stopped; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides a coordinated community effort for citizens to learn about preventing domestic violence and to support the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) has advocated for victims and survivors of domestic violence for over 35 years in partnership with its members to create a safer and more peaceful state for Hawai'i families; and

WHEREAS, HSCADV is comprised of organizations from all islands including: Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Children and Family Service, Domestic Violence Action Center, Hale Ola Windward Abuse Shelter, Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, Lokahi Treatment Centers, Neighborhood Place of Kona, Parents and Children Together, Salvation Army, Victim/ Witness Kokua Services Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, Women Helping Women, YMCA, and YWCA; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to raise awareness of this problem, support victims and survivors, and recognize the community leaders, police, judges, healthcare workers, and advocates who are working on solutions; and

WHEREAS, the persistence of advocates, inspiration of survivors, and courage of supporters are to be commended, and the work to end domestic violence throughout the state and nation must continue;

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

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting the victims of domestic violence and recognizing the public and private agencies in the community for their dedication and efforts to raise awareness, prevent domestic violence, and extend hope and healing to all who need it.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-eighth day of September 2018.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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