



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1981, President Ronald Reagan called upon all Americans to recognize and contribute to the imperative of providing safe transportation for our school children by proclaiming “National School Bus Safety Week”; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for Pupil Transportation has designated the third full week of October each year as “National School Bus Safety Week” to address the importance of school bus safety; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i State Department of Education (HIDOE) serves about 38,000 student riders across the state, including those living in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, HIDOE enhanced safety measures for school buses as part of its “Get on Board” student transportation initiative; and

WHEREAS, HIDOE modernized student transportation by installing GPS tracking devices and video cameras on all school buses, and launching an online bus stop locator and “Infofinder *i*,” a bus schedule information web application; and

WHEREAS, HIDOE encourages motorists to drive with caution and stop when they see the school bus stop sign extended and red lights flashing so students can board and exit the bus safely; and

WHEREAS, more than 650 qualified Commercial Driver Licensed public school bus drivers are committed to ensuring the highest level of safety for student riders;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim October 22-26, 2018 as

“SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK”

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to slow down, use caution when driving near our school campuses as buses drop off and pick up students, and acknowledge their neighborhood school bus drivers for doing their part in keeping Hawai‘i’s keiki safe.

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