



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, traumatic brain injuries (TBI) affect more than 1.7 million Americans every year regardless of age, race, gender, or ethnicity; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 13,000 individuals in Hawai'i sustain TBI each year, leading to almost 200 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, TBI stem from a multitude of causes, including accidents, injuries, motor vehicle crashes, violence, stroke, and other medical reasons or trauma; and

**WHEREAS**, many American soldiers have suffered traumatic brain injuries resulting in higher rates of PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder), depression, anxiety, chronic pain, and suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, TBI survivors may remain disabled and many more will remain undiagnosed and untreated due to lack of medical resources, funding, and awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, increased public awareness will greatly improve the critical understanding, prevention, and treatment of these injuries;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as**

## **“BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and ask every resident in the Aloha State to reach out to the survivors and families affected by TBI and help raise awareness by learning about brain injuries and preventive measures that can be taken.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this tenth day of January 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i