



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program, established in 1975, is dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, research shows that eating a healthy breakfast leads to improved health, attendance, behavior and grades; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is dedicated to expanding access to and enhancing current school breakfast programs throughout the state to ensure that our children are provided with the means to succeed; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Hawai'i, breakfast is offered at all 256 public schools through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) School Breakfast Program; and

WHEREAS, the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) allows schools to offer school meals free of charge to all students even if they do not qualify for free or reduced lunch, streamlining meal service and eliminating the cost and administrative burden of processing school meal applications; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Department of Education has expanded the number of CEP schools across the state, from seven schools in 2015-2016 to 52 schools in 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, the "Jump Start Breakfast" pilot program is being launched at ten Hawai'i schools with a \$60,000 grant from the national No Kid Hungry campaign and support from the Safeway Foundation, Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, other nonprofit organizations, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, the "Jump Start Breakfast" pilot program plans to increase breakfast participation with different approaches, such as providing "grab and go" items; and

WHEREAS, offering breakfast as part of the school day improves children's diets, builds healthy, lifelong eating habits and allows students to begin their days focused and ready to learn;

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

"SCHOOL BREAKFAST MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to recognize the efforts made by schools and their food service personnel to ensure the health, safety, and success of our children, and raise parent and community awareness of how important a good breakfast is to help children jump start their day.

Done at Fern Elementary School in Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on the first day of March 2019.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i