



Proclamation

WHEREAS, hunger is a serious issue for many citizens in the State of Hawai'i often due to financial constraints, homelessness, disability, unemployment or illness; and

WHEREAS, many are forced to choose between purchasing food or paying their rent or mortgage, transportation, utilities, or medical bills; and

WHEREAS, since 1983, the Food Bank Network of Hawai'i has provided an important link between donors and the hungry, gathering food and support from the community and distributing food to charitable agencies serving those in need; and

WHEREAS, last year the Food Bank Network of Hawai'i, consisting of Hawai'i Foodbank, Hawai'i Foodbank-Kaua'i Branch, The Food Basket on Hawai'i Island, and Maui Food Bank, distributed a total of 16.6 million pounds of food from its more than 400 member agencies throughout the islands; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank Network of Hawai'i feeds one in eight people statewide each year, including low-income families, the elderly, veterans, the disabled, victims of domestic abuse, individuals recovering from substance abuse, and over 54,000 children; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank Network and member agencies rely every day on the generosity of donors and volunteers to carry out its mission with integrity, humanity and aloha; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank Network of Hawai'i will hold its 30th Annual Food Drive Day statewide on April 13, 2019 to raise awareness of hunger in Hawai'i and to collect food and money to feed those in need;

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

“HELPING TO FEED HAWAII’S HUNGRY MONTH”

and strongly encourage the people of the Aloha State to give generously to the 30th Annual Statewide Food Drive as they gather food and support from our communities so that no one goes hungry.

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

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i