

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, May is National Foster Care Month, a time to acknowledge foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals and other members of the community who help children and youth in foster care find permanent homes; and

**WHEREAS**, National Foster Care Month reminds us that all children and youth deserve to grow up in a safe, stable and nurturing environment where they can benefit from lasting, positive relationships with caring adults; and

**WHEREAS**, National Foster Care Month highlights foster care and the resource caregivers who have made tremendous contributions to the children in their care; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the many individuals whose help has ensured that formerly abused or neglected children and teens are safely reunited with their parents, cared for by relatives, or adopted by loving families; and

**WHEREAS**, we pay tribute to the many advocates, child welfare professionals, organizations, schools, churches, and government agencies for their dedication and support; and

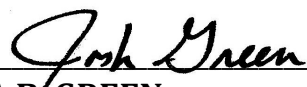
**WHEREAS**, with more than 1,400 foster children in Hawai'i, National Foster Care Month encourages the people of Hawai'i to get involved by becoming resource caregivers, volunteers, and mentors or by providing support for resource caregivers, children in foster care, and their families;


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

## **“FOSTER CARE MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the selfless contributions of Hawai'i's resource caregivers and applauding the various organizations and institutions that support our keiki in the foster care system.

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

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

  
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**DAVID Y. IGE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i