



Proclamation

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most tragic events a family and community can experience, and is the ninth leading cause of deaths nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Hawai'i, there were 950 documented suicide deaths among state residents between 2013 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 percent of those who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition which often goes unrecognized; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidal behavior can be eliminated through public awareness and education; and

WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Prevention Task Force is a partnership of state, public, and private agencies and community groups working collaboratively to provide leadership, develop strategies, coordinate activities, and monitor progress of suicide prevention efforts in the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's multi-pronged suicide prevention strategy includes educating the public about resources for individuals at risk; training professional and community members on how to identify, support and refer individuals at risk; and implementing policies that institutionalize suicide prevention training in clinical and school settings; and

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

"SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of local and national mental health and suicide prevention resources available to our citizens and communities, recognizing the warning signs of suicides and encouraging all those in need to seek the care and treatment necessary.

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

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i