

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, since 2005, the Children’s Craniofacial Association’s nationwide campaign for Craniofacial Acceptance Month brings a broader awareness that “Beyond the Face is a Heart”; and

**WHEREAS**, craniofacial disorder is a broad term that describes malformations of the face and skull that may result from birth defects, disease or trauma; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, 100,000 children are either born with or develop a craniofacial difference condition each year; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with craniofacial differences and their families often struggle with the challenges they face and need support and guidance on how to move forward during the early stages of life; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the complexity of craniofacial syndromes, the majority of affected individuals will often endure up to 30-40 surgeries before they reach adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, families with a member who has a craniofacial condition are often under emotional and financial strain due to demands resulting from ongoing and expensive medical treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations such as Children’s Craniofacial Association, a nonprofit organization, serve populations affected by craniofacial differences and the professionals who care for them; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations strive to empower and give hope to individuals and families affected by these facial differences, while working toward the vision of a world where all people are accepted for who they are and not how they look;

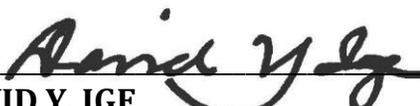
**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as**

## **“CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE MONTH”**

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in learning about and supporting families and organizations working to aid those affected by craniofacial conditions.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this twenty-sixth day of August 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