Proclamation

WHEREAS, mentors inspire young people, help them thrive and serve as role models; and

WHEREAS, students who meet regularly with their mentors are less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and more likely to enroll in college; and

WHEREAS, youths who meet regularly with their mentors are less likely than their peers to start drinking and using drugs; and

WHEREAS, almost half of today’s young adults report having had a mentor in their youth and those rates have been rising steadily over the past several decades; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs like Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawai’i promote healthy relationships and communication; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs promote positive self-esteem and growth of a young person which make our communities and our state stronger; and

WHEREAS, many adults believe it is important for young people to have mentors and many are willing to consider becoming a mentor; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month is the time to engage our community members interested in becoming a mentor and to celebrate, elevate, and encourage mentoring in communities across the country;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim January 2020 as “MENTORING MONTH”

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the contributions of mentors and honoring these individuals who encourage our youth to work toward their fullest potential in their lives and careers.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this sixth day of January 2020.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i