



Proclamation

WHEREAS, twenty-five years ago, the 4th World Conference on Women adopted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action—the most visionary blueprint that called on the global community to eliminate discrimination, violence and exploitation of women and girls; protect their rights; and promote equality in social, economic and political life; and

WHEREAS, progress has been made, but in many countries, girls still do not have the right to free speech, an equal education, and other privileges given to boys of the same age, and experience more gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS, girls are unfairly subjected to pressure from cultural practices, media portrayal and stereotypes concerning how they should look, act and feel; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the United Nations General Assembly declared October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world; and

WHEREAS, it is our obligation to build a world where girls feel safe in their classrooms, communities and homes; be able to attend school and complete higher education; choose when and whom she marries; earn equal pay for equal work; and have equal access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year is “My Voice, Our Equal Future,” reinforcing the fact that girls are their own best advocates and the ones to be change-makers for the changes that they envision; and

WHEREAS, the empowered girls of today are tomorrow's entrepreneurs, executives, doctors, educators, political leaders and women of inspiration in every household, every profession and every society;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2020 as

“DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in building awareness of the challenges faced by girls in the United States and around the world, ending gender discrimination, supporting more opportunities for girls, safeguarding their rights, and encouraging their full social, political and economic participation.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of September 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i