



Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Child Abuse Prevention Month is recognized each April to raise awareness on the widespread problem of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse, which includes neglect, emotional maltreatment and physical, sexual or emotional abuse, are harmful childhood experiences that can have long term detrimental effects on a child's development as well as their mental and physical health; and

WHEREAS, each year, thousands of suspected cases of child abuse are reported in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is preventable when parents, families, community partners and government agencies work together to advocate for safe environments for all children and increase access to services; and

WHEREAS, all children have the right to grow up in a caring, stable and nurturing environment, and it is our shared kuleana to ensure that all children in Hawai'i can grow up healthy, ready to learn and able to thrive;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in dedicating ourselves to the task of protecting our keiki through public awareness, community education, support programs and intervention so that they can have a future full of hope, love and security.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fourth day of March 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i