



Proclamation

WHEREAS, crime can leave a lasting negative impact on any person and cause significant social and economic problems to individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, strong legal protection for crime victims are essential to ensuring that victims' rights are upheld as much as defendants' rights at judicial proceedings; and

WHEREAS, serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope for victims and survivors as well as the communities; and

WHEREAS, healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators and businesses can link victims with services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice; and

WHEREAS, with the unwavering support of their communities and victim service providers, survivors will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and hope without fear of judgment; and

WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect helps to rebuild their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; and

WHEREAS, all victims of crime should be offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety is dedicated to upholding the rights of victims and survivors; strengthening victim response services and support; building resilience in our communities; and working for a better future for all victims and survivors;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim April 18–24, 2021 as

“CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in reaffirming Hawai'i's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response system that assists all crime victims regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation or economic status; and to express gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving crime victim response so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighth day of April 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i