



Proclamation

WHEREAS, older Americans in our nation and state have diverse life experiences that enrich and inspire our community; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's kūpuna population has grown by nearly 38 percent over the last decade; and

WHEREAS, our Hawai'i 'ohana recognizes the importance of bringing together different generations and engaging in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for the benefit of everyone; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 theme for Older Americans Month, "Communities of Strength," serves to remind us of the many ways we are all connected and that we can stand strong as a community to take care of each other; and

WHEREAS, we can foster communities of strength by creating opportunities to share stories and learn from each other; engaging older adults through education, recreation, and service; and encouraging people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to celebrate connections, successes and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the Elderly Affairs Division of the Executive Office on Aging develops programs that enable kūpuna to remain active and independent, promotes and supports community events for kūpuna, and provides opportunities for them to work, volunteer, learn, lead and mentor others;

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

"OLDER AMERICANS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask citizens of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing our kūpuna as valuable and respected members of our 'ohana and essential contributors to the strength of our community.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i