



Proclamation

WHEREAS, October 2021 marks the 76th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy announced, "America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion," as the theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month 2021; and

WHEREAS, persons with disabilities maximize their inclusion, accessibility, independence, and productivity by learning in settings that perform at the highest education standards, and by having cutting edge training and learning systems that advance independent living, enhance employment opportunities, increase productivity, and eliminate barriers to meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS, Employment First Hawai'i encourages the collaboration of all Hawai'i citizens to educate persons with the disabilities, family members, employers, public and private agencies, and community members about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and commend the organizations, agencies, individuals, and businesses that make Employment First their mission and guiding principle in the employment of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, progress toward a diverse workforce requires both a long-term commitment and active participation of executive leaders throughout the state;

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

"DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in celebrating the unique characteristics, talents, and contributions that individuals with disabilities bring to our communities and our economy.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i