



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) are a group of a complex range of disabilities that can occur in an individual exposed to alcohol before birth; and

WHEREAS, FASD affects each person differently resulting in unique strengths and challenges; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that up to 1 in 20 first-grade children in the United States may have FASD; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i 1 in 12 mothers report alcohol use during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, the cost of caring for one child with FAS (does not include other FASDs) is estimated to be \$2 million over the child's lifetime, with a combined cost to the United States for FAS alone over \$4 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, FASD is 100 percent preventable; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the people of Hawai'i are enhanced by the support of a national effort to educate about and prevent FASDs;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as

"FASD AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the citizens of the Aloha State to join me in increasing public awareness of the effects of alcohol consumption during pregnancy and improving public health efforts on early identification and intervention for children affected by FASD.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of August 2022.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i