



Proclamation

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious, widespread and hidden societal problem that affects 10 million adults in the United States each year, regardless of race, age and income, and as many as one in four women are victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, abuse causes long-term damaging effects on the health and well-being of victims and their families, friends, and communities, and children who witness domestic violence, or are targeted in domestic violence, become socialized into believing violence and abuse is normal and are at greater risk of perpetuating the cycle of violence; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created new health, safety and economic challenges for victims and the advocates who work with them; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) has advocated for victims and survivors of domestic violence and the advocates who serve them for over 35 years in partnership with its members in Hawai'i County, Maui County, Kaua'i County and the City and County of Honolulu to create a safer and more peaceful state for Hawai'i families; and

WHEREAS, HSCADV is comprised of 26 programs representing 15 organizations from all islands that serve over 2,000 victims of domestic violence each year; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides a coordinated community effort for citizens to learn about preventing domestic violence and to support the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims; and

WHEREAS, this year's Domestic Violence Awareness Month theme #Every1KnowsSome1 strives to highlight how common domestic violence is and that it is more than only physical violence;

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

“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of domestic violence prevention and recognize the courage and inspirations of survivors, community leaders, police, judges, healthcare workers, and advocates who are working on solutions to end domestic violence.

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