



# *Proclamation*

*In Recognition of*

## **National Child & Adult Care Food Program Week**

**WHEREAS**, proper nutrition is vital to the physical, intellectual and emotional development of young children and to the health and wellness of adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is to provide nutritious foods to children, older adults and functionally impaired and disabled persons, especially those from lower economic circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 4.3 million children receive approximately 2 billion meals and snacks through CACFP; and

**WHEREAS**, teaching and establishing good eating habits will help reduce future health care and education costs due to lack of proper early development; and

**WHEREAS**, CACFP encourages parents to take a proactive role in nutrition by providing them with resources, such as fun and easy recipes that they can make together with their children; and

**WHEREAS**, CACFP providers receive valuable nutrition education that helps them identify the proper foods and appropriate amounts to serve young age groups; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i has 222 Family Childcare Homes that are enrolled in the CACFP, with over 1,300 children directly benefiting from the food program daily;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim March 11-17 as

## **“Child & Adult Care Food Program Week”**

in Hawai'i, and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in acknowledging the CACFP's tireless work to combat hunger in our community.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of February 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i