

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program, established in 1975, is dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, research shows that eating a healthy breakfast leads to better concentration, attendance and behavior, and improved health and social dynamics; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is dedicated to expanding access to and enhancing current school breakfast programs throughout the state to ensure that our children are provided with the means to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Education "Jump Start Breakfast" program that aims to promote breakfast participation at schools throughout the state is a partnership with No Kid Hungry, the Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, and Safeway Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Hawai'i, breakfast is offered at all 256 public schools through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) School Breakfast Program, but less than 40 percent of students who eat free or reduced-price school lunch in Hawai'i eat a school breakfast; and

WHEREAS, participating schools implement the "breakfast after the bell" model, allowing for meals to be delivered to the classroom, students to pick up a "grab and go" item, or breakfast to be served after first period; and

WHEREAS, offering breakfast as part of the school day improves children's diets, builds healthy, lifelong eating habits and allows students to begin their days focused and ready to learn;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

"SCHOOL BREAKFAST MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to recognize the efforts made by schools and their food service personnel to ensure the health, safety, and success of our children, and raise parent and community awareness of how important a good breakfast is to help children jump start their day.

Done at Palolo Elementary School in Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on the second day of March 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i