



Proclamation
In Recognition of

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Colon Cancer Alliance reminds us colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women in the United States, affecting men and women equally; and

WHEREAS, the Colon Cancer Alliance stresses that only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage, and African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, American Indians, and Alaskan Natives are significantly less likely to be screened for colorectal cancer compared to Caucasians; and

WHEREAS, the Colon Cancer Alliance underlines that if the majority of people in the United States, age 50 or up, were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate from this disease could plummet by up to 70 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Colon Cancer Alliance states that the survival rate of individuals who have early stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent but the survival rate drops to 10 percent when diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and

WHEREAS, the Colon Cancer Alliance observes a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March to provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March, 2015 as

"COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the benefits and importance of proper screening for colorectal cancer.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-sixth day of February 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i