

# *Proclamation*

*In Recognition of*

## **Hawai'i Blood Donation Day**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i is committed to ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of all those living in and visiting our state; and

**WHEREAS**, blood and blood products play a vital role in the state's public healthcare and emergency disaster preparedness program; and

**WHEREAS**, hospital programs, including organ transplants, neonatal care, oncology, cardiology, and trauma, rely on a safe and reliable supply of blood to save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blood Bank of Hawai'i is the sole provider of blood for all civilian hospitals throughout O'ahu and the neighbor islands; and

**WHEREAS**, the statewide supply is currently provided by 2 percent of Hawai'i's population who donate blood, with over 23,000 whole blood donors and about 900 platelet donors annually; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 200 blood donors are needed every day to meet the State's patient need; and

**WHEREAS**, because we live on a remote island chain in the Pacific Ocean, it is especially critical that the State of Hawai'i sustain its own safe and reliable blood supply on our shelves; and


**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i Blood Donation Day reminds the citizens of Hawai'i that it is up to all of us to meet the need to replenish Hawai'i's blood supply through donation and community awareness;

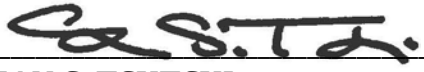
**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim September 8, 2017 as

## **"HAWAI'I BLOOD DONATION DAY"**

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us to recognize the importance of blood donation and urge members of our community to consider becoming a donor.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of August 2017.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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