



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Child Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children ages 1 to 14; and

WHEREAS, 15,780 children are diagnosed with cancer annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on average, Hawai'i has 50-60 new cases of childhood cancer diagnoses each year; and

WHEREAS, with the length of treatment for childhood cancers averaging 12 months to 3 years, as many as 200 children may be on active treatment at any given time in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is often diagnosed late, in which case the metastatic cancer has spread to other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions, some of which are severe, even life-threatening because of treatment toxicity; and

WHEREAS, with less than 4% of all national cancer research funding going to pediatric cancer, only four new drugs have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in the last 20 years to specifically treat childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, researchers and healthcare professionals continue to work diligently, dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of nonprofit organizations at the local and national level, such as the Hawai'i Children's Cancer Foundation and the American Childhood Cancer Organization, are providing educational, emotional and financial support for children with cancer and their families;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as

"CHILD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness and finding a cure for childhood cancer.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixth day of August 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i