



## Hawai'i Blood Donation Day

WHEREAS, every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation can potentially save up to three lives; and

**WHEREAS,** only about 10 percent of eligible people donate blood annually, and nearly every blood donation is fully utilized; and

WHEREAS, hospitals and medical centers need an adequate supply of safe and reliable blood products; and

**WHEREAS**, blood is essential for surgical procedures, cancer treatment, baby delivery, and treatment of accident and burn victims, chronic illnesses, ulcers, anemias; and

**WHEREAS,** the Blood Bank of Hawai'i is a nonprofit organization that provides lifesaving blood products to eleven hospitals on O'ahu and eight hospitals on the neighbor islands; and

**WHEREAS**, about 200 blood donors are needed every day to help meet the needs of Hawai'i's patients; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's diverse ethnic population plays a critical role in meeting many types of blood needs; and

**WHEREAS**, blood drives are held year-round at the blood bank centers and two bloodmobiles on Oʻahu and via mobile collection sites at companies and community centers;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 5, 2018 as

## "HAWAI'I BLOOD DONATION DAY"

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing blood donors who make a difference in saving lives and encourage others to support our local blood drives.

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

Governor, State of Hawai'i

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

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