

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, cervical cancer is a type of cancer that occurs in the cells of the cervix and can metastasize to other parts of the body; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, almost 13,240 people were diagnosed with cervical cancer nationwide, and 4,170 died from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, regular cervical cancer screening tests are an effective way to detect the disease early so that it can still be successfully treated; and

**WHEREAS**, cervical cancer vaccines are now widely available and combined with regular screenings, can provide an effective means of preventing the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, cervical cancer is most common among minority women and women in low-income groups; and

**WHEREAS**, risk factors include smoking, immunosuppression, low intake of fruits and vegetables, excessive weight, usage of oral contraceptives, human papilloma virus (HPV) infection, chlamydia infection and family history of cervical cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) provides breast and cervical cancer screening services to medically under-served women; and

**WHEREAS**, BCCCP also provides referral services, diagnostic follow-up, case management, and public information and education programs; and

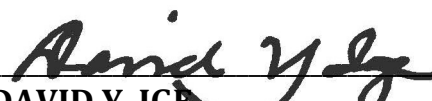
**WHEREAS**, increasing awareness of prevention and detection techniques among patients and health care providers is a key component in safeguarding cervical health;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 2019 as**

## **“CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness about cervical cancer and supporting patients currently battling cervical cancer and their families as well as those who have lost loved ones to this disease.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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JOSHUA B. GREEN  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i