

Proclamation

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center's Hawai'i Tumor Registry, an average of 224 deaths result from colorectal cancer and more than 700 new cases are diagnosed in Hawai'i each year; and

WHEREAS, the lifetime risk of colorectal cancer is one in 20 for men and one in 24 for women; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include a change in bowel habits lasting for more than a few days, bloody stools, rectal bleeding, cramps or abdominal pain, or unintended weight loss; and

WHEREAS, the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, a coalition established by the American Cancer Society, is to have 80 percent of Americans aged 50 and older regularly screened for colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, early detection with regular screenings and removal of polyps can prevent cancer; and

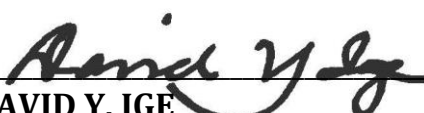
WHEREAS, there are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States due to early detection and improved treatment;

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


“COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of early detection, encourage regular screenings, and raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of colorectal cancer to increase the number of survivors and reduce the number of occurrences and deaths from this disease in our islands and the entire country.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this ninth day of January 2019.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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