

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, endometriosis is one of the most common gynecological diseases, affecting 1 in 10 women and girls worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms include digestive problems, chronic pelvic or intestinal pain, and abnormal bleeding; and

**WHEREAS**, endometriosis may lead to depression, fatigue, irritability and even infertility, affecting interpersonal relationships and workplace productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, many women who suffer from endometriosis face misdiagnosis, financial burden, emotional distress, adverse side effects of hormonal treatment therapies, and often numerous surgeries; and

**WHEREAS**, early diagnosis is key to ensuring proper treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, Endometriosis Awareness Month is an opportunity to garner support for further research, to increase education about the symptoms, and to end the silence and start the conversation about this disease to prevent delayed diagnosis; and


**WHEREAS**, the health and well-being of all Hawai'i women and girls are of great importance to the prosperity, happiness, and livelihood of our families and communities;

**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**

## **“ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in learning more about this disease and its symptoms, encourage early diagnoses and treatment, and support research to find a cure for endometriosis.

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

  
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**JOSHUA B. GREEN**  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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**DAVID Y. IGE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i