

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Coalition on Donation, whose members include Hawai'i Bone Marrow Donor Registry, Hep Free Hawai'i, Legacy of Life Hawai'i, National Kidney Foundation of Hawai'i, the Queen's Medical Center—the Queen's Transplant Center, Surgical Associates Inc., and St. Francis Healthcare System, is dedicated to promoting public awareness and increasing the number of organ, tissue and eye donors in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of transplantation in Hawai'i with the first kidney transplant performed in August 1969; and

WHEREAS, Hoʻāla Hou, the theme for the 50^{th} anniversary of transplantation in Hawaiʻi, means to restore and renew again; and

WHEREAS, Hoʻāla Hou is part of the Hawaiian tradition of aloha, being selfless and living for the greater good of the people; and

WHEREAS, Hoʻāla Hou is symbolic of the donors and medical professionals who save and heal lives through organ and tissue transplantation; and

WHEREAS, more than four hundred people in Hawai'i await liver, kidney or pancreas transplants; and

WHEREAS, one donor can help up to fifty people with life-saving and life-restoring procedures; and

WHEREAS, we are all called to Hoʻāla Hou as donors, transplant recipients, healthcare providers, educators and advocates;

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

"HO'ĀLA HOU - DONATE LIFE MONTH"

in Hawai'i, and encourage our citizens of the Aloha State to learn about organ donation and acknowledge the efforts and good works of those who made successful transplantation possible–especially the donors and their families–by wearing the green ribbon pins to symbolize organ, eye and tissue donation.

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

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Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID V IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i