



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking (HPPUD), a coalition of public, private and nonprofit agencies and businesses, encourages adults to start the conversation with our youth about underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, the mission of HPPUD is to prevent underage drinking by educating the public about the dangers of underage drinking and the importance of honest dialogue between parents and keiki; and

WHEREAS, half of Hawai'i's youth have participated in underage drinking with 16.9 percent of Hawai'i high school students saying they consumed their first drink before the age of 13; and

WHEREAS, underage drinking can have legal consequences and cause physical and mental health problems while also negatively impacting a youth's academics, participation in school activities, goal achievement, family relationships and friendships; and

WHEREAS, one in four car crashes with teenagers involve an underage drunk driver; and

WHEREAS, underage drinking is a community public health problem that can be mitigated by supporting our youth, engaging adults as positive role models, and raising awareness;

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

"PREVENT UNDERAGE DRINKING MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the dangers of underage drinking and urging fellow citizens to promote education and awareness of this important issue.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of April 2019.



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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i