



Proclamation

WHEREAS, as many as 32 million Americans have food allergies with nearly 6 million being children; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults; and

WHEREAS, eight foods cause most of all food allergy reactions in the United States—shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can range from mild to severe; and

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, food allergy results in more than 200,000 emergency department visits each year when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS, the number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment is up sharply over the past decade with a 377 percent rise in insurance claims; and

WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research & Education is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies and promoting development of new therapies and hope for effective treatments;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 12–18, 2019 as

“FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to increase their understanding and awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis.

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

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i