



Proclamation

WHEREAS, about 50 million Americans suffer from chronic pain, a leading cause of long-term disability; and

WHEREAS, chronic pain remains even after an injury heals, often lasting several weeks to years; and

WHEREAS, chronic pain can limit mobility, reduce strength and endurance, and make daily tasks and activities difficult; and

WHEREAS, chronic pain impacts an individual's work and quality of life, including that of family members and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, chronic pain costs the nation an estimated \$635 billion annually in medical expenses, lost wages, and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Pain Foundation's mission is to educate, empower, support, and advocate for adults and children with chronic pain and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness about the effects of chronic pain result in better outcomes, increased access to effective pain management, and empowerment and validation for those living with chronic pain;

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

"PAIN AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of chronic pain and increasing empathy and understanding for those living with chronic pain.

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

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i