



Proclamation

WHEREAS, every day, more than 1,250 people worldwide will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and an estimated 1,180 will die from the disease;

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States with the lowest survival rate at just 9 percent; and

WHEREAS, over 56,000 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and over 45,000 will die from this disease in 2019; and

WHEREAS, according to a multi-ethnic cohort study published this year, Native Hawaiians have a 60 percent increased risk and Japanese Americans have a 33 percent increased risk for pancreatic cancer, making the incidence of pancreatic cancer in Hawai'i significantly higher than in other states; and

WHEREAS, according to the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center's Hawai'i Tumor Registry, there are approximately 225 new cases of pancreatic cancer with about 180 deaths in Hawai'i each year; and

WHEREAS, signs or symptoms of pancreatic cancer in the early stages are usually subtle and inconsistent, making early diagnosis difficult; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no standard screening test or early detection method for pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, this year on World Pancreatic Cancer Day, people around the world will unite to DEMAND BETTER in the fight against one of the world's deadliest cancers;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 21, 2019 as

"WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of pancreatic cancer risks and symptoms, the urgent need for earlier detection and more funding support to help patients fight and survive.

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



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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i