

**WHEREAS**, pharmacists are some of the oldest and most trusted healthcare professionals who play an essential role in the health and well-being of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 309,000 pharmacists practicing in the United States and more than 1,700 in Hawai'i who provide services to ensure safe and appropriate use of all medications; and

**WHEREAS,** pharmacists and pharmacy technicians practice in diverse settings including community pharmacies, pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, homes, universities, and government agencies such as the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, pharmacists are experts in medications and are ideally suited to work collaboratively with other health care providers and patients to improve treatment outcomes; and

**WHEREAS,** pharmacists are the best health care professionals to educate users and caregivers about prescription and nonprescription medications and help them understand that they are responsible for following instructions on their prescribed drug therapy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Pharmacists Association and American Pharmacists Association–Academy of Student Pharmacists have collaborated to observe American Pharmacists Month with the theme, "Know Your Medicines–Know Your Pharmacist";

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

## "AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the commitment of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in promoting good health and safe use of medication.

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

IOSHUA B GREEN

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i