

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the appropriate use of health information and advancement in technology management systems can transform healthcare to improve access to medical care, save lives and reduce costs; and

**WHEREAS,** effective use of health information technology can lead to coordinated care for maintaining the health and wellness of patients; and

**WHEREAS,** health information technology allows doctors to share case studies and implement best practices; enables healthcare information professionals to manage clinical, financial and administrative data; connects doctors and patients to health records; and allows patients to take ownership of their own healthcare; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Hawai'i is proud to recognize health information professionals and healthcare institutions that leverage health information and technology to improve outcomes and provide quality healthcare to the people of Hawai'i, from keiki to kupuna; and

**WHEREAS,** National Health IT Week is focused on catalyzing change within the healthcare system through the application of information and technology to promote better health outcomes and health equity;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim December 16–20, 2019 as

## "HEALTH INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the work and contributions of health information and technology professionals and congratulating Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) as recipient of the 2019 HIMSS Nicholas E. Davies Award of Excellence, making HPH the first and only three-time winner.

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

IOSHUA B. GREEN

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i