

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance is observed annually on November 20 as a day to honor the memory of those who have lost their lives because of hate crimes against transgender people; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance raises awareness of the unnecessary transgender deaths as a result of violence which is on the rise; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i has the largest population of people per capita that identify as transgender with about 8,450 individuals or 0.8 percent of the population; and

WHEREAS, the "Hawai'i Sexual and Gender Minority Health Report 2018: A Focus on Transgender Youth" showed that 1,260 youth, 3.3 percent of those surveyed, identify as transgender or gender nonconforming; and

WHEREAS, the report showed that transgender youth are eight times more likely to face housing instability and four times more likely to have been sexually assaulted than cisgender youth; and

WHEREAS, about 50 percent of transgender youths have attempted suicide at least once in the past year and 40 percent engaged in high-risk behaviors like injecting drugs or binge drinking on one or more days in the past month; and

WHEREAS, with the understanding that the health and well-being of all transgender persons require greater attention from national and state policymakers, the State of Hawai'i enacted "Relating to Minors" Act 13 on July 1, 2018, protecting minors from undue influence and the damaging effects from conversion therapy; and


WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i is committed to eliminating transphobia and violence against transgender persons;

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

"TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE"

in Hawai'i and encourage everyone to remember and honor those whose lives were taken before their time, and to understand and accept transgender people and support their rights.

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



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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i