



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in the United States, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, although the overall death rate has continued to drop over the last few decades, deaths among people under the age of 55 have increased; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 140,000 people were diagnosed with colorectal cancer and over 50,000 people died of colorectal cancer in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is estimated to see 6,800 new cases and 2,540 deaths from colorectal cancer in 2020; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening; and

WHEREAS, the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to increase timely colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent of adults age 50 and older;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

“COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of early detection, encourage regular screenings, and raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of colorectal cancer in order to increase the number of survivors and reduce the number of occurrences and deaths from this disease in our islands.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of February 2020.



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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i