



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i, 1 in 4 public high school students and 1 in 6 public middle school students reported having used vapor products; and

WHEREAS, e-cigarettes, with flavors like candy and fruit, are the most popular tobacco products among youth despite decades of progress in tobacco prevention and control; and

WHEREAS, e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which causes addiction, harms brain development and may lead to use of cigarettes and other dangerous drugs; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Council of the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i (CTFH) is a group of dedicated student leaders who fight back against Big Tobacco and combat youth vaping use by working with concerned agencies and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Council was instrumental in passing legislation to make Hawai'i the first Tobacco 21 state in the nation and also in passing county smoke-free car laws to protect keiki from toxic secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Council has been spearheading efforts to end the sale of flavored tobacco products in order to stop the youth vaping epidemic and prevent children, adolescents and young adults from starting a deadly addiction to tobacco; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i is proud to honor and recognize the organizations and youth who selflessly champion causes that help to make Hawai'i a healthier and better place to live;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2020 as

“TAKE DOWN TOBACCO: NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION 2020”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of the problem of tobacco in our community to protect our keiki's health.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i