



Proclamation

WHEREAS, both men and women are born with breast cells and tissue which can develop cancer; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is commonly seen as a disease affecting only women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, about 20 percent of men who are diagnosed with breast cancer do not survive; and

WHEREAS, early detection of male breast cancer is critical since diagnosis of breast cancer in its earliest stages gives an increased chance of successful treatment; and

WHEREAS, due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary; and

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 18–24, 2020 as

“MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness and understanding, remember the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and show support for those who are currently fighting this disease.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i