

Proclamation

WHEREAS, sepsis is a serious illness that can develop with an infection and can quickly lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and

WHEREAS, sepsis is the third leading cause of death in the U.S., affecting more than one million people with nearly 20,000 fatalities every year; and

WHEREAS, the greatest number of sepsis-related deaths are found among young children and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, as our nation fights to overcome the COVID-19 virus, infection prevention and sepsis awareness are critical to public health; and

WHEREAS. early recognition of signs and symptoms can be remembered with the mnemonic "TIME," which stands for Temperature, Infection, Mental decline and Extremely ill; and

WHEREAS, rapid diagnosis and treatment can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors;

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

"SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of this illness that deeply impacts families in every community across our country.

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

Governor, State of Hawai'i