



Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, 28 million people worldwide are living with HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) and 690,000 worldwide died from HIV/AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) in 2019; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 2,300 persons currently living with HIV in Hawai'i and approximately 400 are not receiving HIV care; and

WHEREAS, people living with HIV often experience loneliness and isolation, and it is critical that they receive appropriate HIV medical care and support; and

WHEREAS, barriers such as stigma, discrimination, homelessness, behavioral health and substance use continue to hinder successful HIV prevention, testing and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i to Zero campaign aims to end the HIV epidemic with zero new HIV infections, zero deaths related to HIV, and zero HIV-related stigma; and

WHEREAS, while great progress has been made in the treatment for those living with HIV/AIDS and new prevention strategies can prevent new infections, there is still no cure for HIV/AIDS;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2020 as

“WORLD AIDS DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in the fight against HIV/AIDS and #RockTheRibbon together to show support for people living with HIV and remember those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-third day of November 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i