



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in both men and women combined; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that there will be more than 145,000 cases of colorectal cancer diagnoses in the United States for 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates are disproportionately higher among minorities; and

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening and is treatable if detected early; and

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer may be prevented with the removal of polyps found during screenings; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms include changes in bowel habits, rectal bleeding, abdominal pain, fatigue and unintended weight loss; and

**WHEREAS**, controllable risk factors include exercise, diet, weight, alcohol consumption and smoking; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, established by ACS, strives to increase colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community for all Americans;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

## **“COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of colorectal cancer and recognize the importance of early detection with regular screenings.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of March 2021.

  
DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i