



Proclamation

WHEREAS, trees help mitigate global climate change by reducing the world's carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, trees contribute to the environment by controlling soil erosion, cleaning the air, removing large amounts of carbon from the atmosphere, eliminating odors and pollutant gases, and filtering particulates; and

WHEREAS, trees sustain our island's ecological balance and provide aesthetic landscapes, shade, oxygen, and habitats for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees reduce UV-B exposure by almost fifty percent and protects children from dangerous exposure to the sun on school campuses and playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, trees can help absorb heat energy and dust, mask concrete walls and unsightly views, muffle noise from freeways, create an eye-soothing canopy of green, and instill civic pride and an identity to neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, trees in our island state are a crucial part of sustainable living and our agricultural economy, providing fruits, nuts and a variety of wood-based products; and

WHEREAS, trees help to build healthier communities and improve our quality life in the islands;

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

"TREE AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join me in supporting efforts to care for our trees, gardens, parks and forests; recognize the value and benefits of trees; and plant trees for environmental sustainability and for future generations.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i