



Proclamation

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2000, Governor Benjamin J. Cayetano signed into law a bill decriminalizing the use of marijuana for medical purposes; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i was the first state to legalize medical cannabis through the state legislature, rather than through a ballot initiative process; and

WHEREAS, today medical cannabis is legal in 36 states and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Department of Health's Dispensary Licensing program monitors the quality of cannabis products from seed to sale, making medical products readily available for registered patients while balancing the health and safety of patients and the public; and

WHEREAS, qualified patients are required to register with the Hawai'i Department of Health's Medical Cannabis Patient Registry Program prior to using medical cannabis; and

WHEREAS, registered patients and caregivers, and certified physicians and Advance Practice Registered Nurses, are responsible for complying with Hawai'i State laws and rules on the use and restrictions of medical cannabis; and

WHEREAS, medical cannabis may be used to treat severe pain and other specified symptoms of eligible debilitating medical conditions such as ALS, cancer, glaucoma, lupus, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, AIDS, and PTSD; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's Medical Cannabis Program has enabled tens of thousands of patients with debilitating medical conditions to benefit from the personal medical use of cannabis under medical supervision for the past twenty-one years;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2021 as

“MEDICAL CANNABIS DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the 21st anniversary of the day that cannabis was authorized for medical use in Hawai'i.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of April 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i