



Proclamation

WHEREAS, public health professionals promote health and well-being, prevent disease and injury, promote healthy lifestyles, preserve a clean and healthy environment, and assure basic physical and mental healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the critical role that public health professionals play in protecting Hawai'i's residents and our environment was highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic and Red Hill contamination crisis; and

WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, public health professionals in Hawai'i took action to save lives and;

WHEREAS, due to these efforts, Hawai'i has the lowest per capita COVID-19 case rate in the nation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to two major crises, public health professionals have also continued to fulfill their responsibilities in providing comprehensive mental health services, preventing and mitigating chronic diseases, and keeping our food and environment safe; and

WHEREAS, due to these unprecedented challenges, public health professionals nationwide are experiencing stress, burnout, and are even being subjected to threats; and

WHEREAS, a national survey of local health departments found that over 50% of public health officials reported harassment of themselves, their staff, or their agency from March 2020 to January 2021; and

WHEREAS, despite these challenges, public health professionals will continue to work to make Hawai'i a more equitable, safe, and healthy state;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 4-10, 2022 as

“NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK 2022”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the important roles that public health professionals play in our community.

Done at State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixth day of April 2022.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i