



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain disease and the most common form of dementia; and

**WHEREAS**, today in Hawai'i, approximately 29,000 people aged 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's, and Hawai'i is projected to see a 21% increase in Alzheimer's cases by 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of caring for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias is estimated to total \$355 billion this year, increasing to more than \$1.1 trillion in 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's continues to be the most expensive chronic illness to treat, manage, or provide care for; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alzheimer's Association is striving to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and promote brain health through many initiatives including the designation of June as Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month to highlight the critical importance of early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease; and

**WHEREAS**, early diagnosis of Alzheimer's offers important benefits for individuals and their families by enabling the person with the disease to play an active role in planning for future and making the most of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's patients in the State of Hawai'i, their families, and caregivers are encouraged to contact the Alzheimer's Association-Hawai'i to access resources and support in planning for the future and living well with Alzheimer's or another dementia;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as**

## **"ALZHEIMER'S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness and understanding, and show support for those with this disease, their families and their caregivers.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i