



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined; and

**WHEREAS**, routine testing can help prevent colorectal cancer or find it at an early stage when it is smaller and may be easier to treat; and

**WHEREAS**, based on a 2021 finding published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, colorectal cancer was estimated to become the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the group aged 20 – 49 years by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Cancer Institute estimates that there could be as many as 4,500 additional colorectal cancer deaths in the next decade due to pandemic-related delays in diagnosing and treating those cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, a national coalition established by the American Cancer Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is to strive to increase timely colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community for all Americans eligible for screening; and

**WHEREAS**, observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim March 2022 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 twenty-second day of February 2022.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i