



Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 8 couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and American Medical Association define infertility as a disease; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ community also faces challenges when building their families; and

WHEREAS, family building options include adoption and medical treatment, such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and

WHEREAS, all people challenged in their family building journey should have access to all family building options; and

WHEREAS, cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many in Hawai'i to access the family building option they need; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community is the first step to removing these barriers;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim April 24–30, 2022 as

“INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of infertility; understanding and supporting infertile couples with hope; and recognizing the volunteers, health care professionals and members of the infertility and family building community for their dedication.

Done at the 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