

Proclamation

WHEREAS, school nurses provide health services that can improve a student's school attendance, learning and the overall health and effectiveness of the school; and

WHEREAS, school nurses screen students for a variety of conditions that impact learning, including vision, hearing and developmental conditions; and

WHEREAS, school nurses perform health and safety assessment including administering medications and being first responders to injured students or those who suffer from seizures; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the essential role school nurses play in student health and academic success; and

WHEREAS, school nurses support the health and educational success of keiki by providing access to care when children's cognitive development is at its peak; and

WHEREAS, school nurses act as liaisons to school communities, families, and healthcare providers on behalf of keiki's health by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes for our keiki; and

WHEREAS, school nurses understand the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children every day;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2022 as

"SCHOOL NURSE DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the important role of school nurses and the contributions that school nurses make to the health and learning of today's keiki.

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

Governor, State of Hawai'i